



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

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1. IMT- 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 28th – 30th. Course fee is \$100.00. # 17083
Please use attached Application

2. Firefighter Near Miss Report of the Week

Responders Almost Collide

SUMMARY

When we respond to an emergency incident, other resources are often responding to the same address. How often do we watch out for each other instead of for just the general public?

EVENT DESCRIPTION

A municipal ALS-equipped engine and a third-service county ALS ambulance were dispatched by the same dispatch, on the same radio channel, to a local park for a trauma patient.

While en route less than two miles from our station, we approached a heavy traffic intersection, which is blind to the south side. On our approach, the signal-preemption system (which both the engine and ambulance are equipped with) was delayed in capturing the light. The driver of the engine began to reduce speed and decelerate toward the intersection.

As we approached the intersection, we captured the light with the signal-preemption system, giving us the green light, but the driver of the engine came to a complete stop at the intersection.

Just then the ambulance blew through the intersection, not stopping for the red light. We didn't hear or see this ambulance until they were in the intersection. Only because of the engine driver's situational awareness and intuition (gut feeling) did we come to a complete stop and avoid a collision.

View the Report: [Driver Averts Accident at Intersection](#)

TAKE-AWAYS

Structural fires, rescue assignments, EMS calls, police standbys and traffic accidents all require multiple emergency vehicles driving toward the same geographic location. Throw limited visibility in with stress and fatigue, and it can be a dangerous situation.

When you respond, make sure you're looking for other emergency vehicles as well as the motoring public. Many times, it can be difficult to hear another siren approaching you over the noise of your own audible warning devices. If you have more than one person in the apparatus, make sure you keep distractions to a minimum and have both people clearing intersections, not just the driver.

In some areas, racing to a call happens more often than we like to admit. Competition between companies and adjacent departments is natural, but it needs to be put aside on an emergency assignment. By the same token, if another company will end up being first due in your primary area, don't race to try to beat them.

DISCUSSION

- Are there intersections in your response area where you routinely encounter other responders on emergency calls? What is your plan?
- Is there a common radio frequency that could be used to increase situational awareness of each other and de-conflict to prevent an accident?
- Can you use a CAD terminal or other mapping solution to see the location of other responders to head off conflicts at intersections?

LEADING PRACTICES

We need to remember that if we don't arrive on scene, we're no help to the incident and will divert more

resources from the original call for service. Make sure you always look for fellow responders when approaching scenes and intersections. Departments can develop procedures to try to instill safe response practices, but it's up to us to make sure we remember that everyone needs to go home after every call.

RELATED NEAR MISS REPORTS

- [Police Vehicle Close Call at Intersection](#)
- [Responding Engines Nearly Collide at Intersection](#)
- [Two Fire Truck Nearly Collide while Responding to a Fire](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [IAFC Vehicle Safety Poster \(PDF\)](#)
- [IAFC Vehicle Safety Program Resources](#)
- [FireRescue Magazine: Safe Driving Tactics - Firefighter Safety](#)
- [IAFF Best Practices for Emergency Vehicle and Roadway Operations \(PDF\)](#)

3. 2017 CPAT Registration Now Open

Connecticut Fire Academy is now accepting applications for the 2017 CPAT season. The deadline to apply for the Spring 2017 CPAT season is March 10th, 2017. **Registration will ONLY be available online for CPAT.** Please use the following link to register for the 2017 Spring CPAT season:

<https://ctlms.ct.gov/Saba/Web/Main>

All those interested must use the online system. The CFA is not accepting registrations for CPAT over the phone, faxed, or mailed applications. The Registration fee is \$150.00. When using the online registration system please do use mobile Apple devices. PC/Mac users will need to turn off pop-up blockers. AMEX is not accepted for payment, VISA or MasterCard only.

For further information or questions, please contact CPAT Program Manager Jason Decremer at 860-264-9242 or jason.decremer@ct.gov

On Wednesday, November 16th from 7am to 12pm. Please be advised that the SABA System will be out of commission for service and maintenance

4. 2016 Seminar Series – Responding to and Preparing for Acts of Violence – There was a Typo

The course is not Responding to and Preventing Acts of Violence it is Responding to and Preparing for Acts of Violence, sorry for any inconvenience this might of caused

Friday, December 2, 2016 @ CT Fire Academy – Course # 17037 - \$55.00 Lunch included

Speaker – Lt. Steven Hamilton, Fort Jackson Fire and Emergency Services, South Carolina

Description:

This presentation discusses fire service response to all aspects of violent scenes--single-company response to a victim of domestic violence through to the multiagency active shooter response. Elements of terrorism response are evaluated. Various scenarios are covered: violence, terrorism, active shooter, mass shootings, domestic violence, and suicide by secondary means. Covered are pre-incident planning, policies and procedures for response to such incidents, case history analysis, as well as reporting and documenting violent incidents involving responders. Statistical data are examined to support the hidden dangers emergency responders face at violent incidents.

5. Emergency Medical Responder/Technician (EMR/EMT) Class to be Held in Southbury, CT.

Upcoming in January 2017 EMR/EMT Class

Classes to be held Monday & Wednesday evenings from 6 to 10 pm and one mandatory Saturday. Beginning Jan 4, 2017 and ending in April 2017.

To enroll: Contact class instructor - Judy Lynch at judithlynch@icloud.com

Location: STS Training School

EMR \$ 425.00 EMT \$ 850.00

CPR Textbook and EMR/EMT textbook included in the class fee

6. 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>

7. Connecticut Fire Academy and the American Red Cross Hosting Blood Drive – Friday 11/25

Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today!

Site: Connecticut Fire Academy

Address: 34 Perimeter Road, Windsor Locks, CT, 06096 Room Name: Large Classrooms

Date: Friday, November 25, 2016

Time: 11:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Coordinator Name: Christine Auletta

Click here to make an appointment

[https://www.redcrossblood.org/give/drive/driveSearchList.jsp?zipSponsor=<](https://www.redcrossblood.org/give/drive/driveSearchList.jsp?zipSponsor=)

Thank you for supporting the American Red Cross blood program!

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