



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

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1. CFA Bookstore 20% off Holiday Sale

The CFA Bookstore is having a **Holiday Sale starting today until Dec. 23rd**. All apparel,(including CFA Instructor apparel), collectibles, gift items, toys, all BOOKS, etc. is **20% off**. CFA Bookstore items make unique holiday gifts for all the firefighters on your list, big or small!!!

FREE GIFT WRAPPING is available. We can ship your holiday gifts for you!!! Stop by, give us a call or order by email. The bookstore is open 6 days a week from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and until 8:00 p.m. every Tuesday. Pam Cooney 860-264-9271, pam.cooney@ct.gov or Karen Junguzza 860-264-9244, karen.junguzza@ct.gov.

Thanks, Pam and Karen
CFA Bookstore

2. Situation Unit Leader Class

The Connecticut Fire Academy will be running a Situation Unit Leader class January 10-12, 2017 at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield. Please complete an application and fax it with your payment to CFA. The course information and cost is listed in the 2017 calendar. All-Hazards Position Specific Situation Unit Leader Course helps participants establish the essential core competencies required for performing the duties of the Situation Unit Leader (SITL) in an all-hazards incident. This course addresses all responsibilities appropriate to an SITL operating in a local- or state-level All-Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT). These responsibilities include processing information and intelligence and developing displays. The course is an instructor-led training that supports learning through discussion, lecture, and active participation in multiple exercises.

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

3. Cold Water Rescue Burlington on 12/10/16 – Seats Available

This course is designed for first responders operating at the scene of a cold water or ice rescue. Topics covered include: pre-planning, risk assessment, ice types and how they form, hypothermia, cold water drowning, incident size-up, water rescue equipment, and rescue operations. Participants will perform simulated water and ice (if available) rescues using cold water entry suits and associated equipment.

4. 2016 SAFER Grant Region I Overview Webinar

The Application period for the 2016 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant is slated to open in early January 2017. It is expected that there will be significant changes to the 2016 iteration of the grant. Due to these changes, FEMA Region I has arranged for a webinar to be conducted by FEMA Headquarters. This webinar will last approximately 1 hour and will include an overview of the program and subsequent changes. This will be followed by an open question and answer session with the Regional Fire Program Specialists and HQ staff. The schedule for the webinar is indicated in the table below.

2016 Region I SAFER Webinar Schedule	
Date	Thursday, January 5, 2017
Time	10:00 AM
URL	https://fema.connectsolutions.com/r1_safer_2016/
Call-In Number	800-320-4330; PIN: 308371#

To view the webinar presentation, please click on the URL or paste into your browser. To hear the audio for the presentation, please dial the number and PIN when prompted. If you have any questions please contact one of the Regional Fire Program Specialists below:

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5. National Fire Academy Second Semester Application Period Closes December 15th

The application period for the second semester of National Fire Academy on-campus resident classes closes 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: <http://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/>

Please review the 'How to Apply for NFA Courses' information at:

<http://www.usfa.fema.gov/training/nfa/admissions/apply.html>

This page also includes the required FEMA Form 119-25-1 General Admissions Application form.

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

NETC Admissions Office

16825 South Seton Avenue

Emmitsburg, MD 21727-8998

Applications may also be faxed to (301) 447-1441 or emailed to netcadmissions@fema.dhs.gov

While it's not yet the closing date, remember that you can also submit your application for the NFA's Managing Officer Program; details at: https://www.usfa.fema.gov/training/nfa/programs/mo_program.html,

or the NFA's Executive Fire Officer Program; details at:

<https://www.usfa.fema.gov/training/nfa/programs/efop.html>

Please share this with your organizations, friends and colleagues.

6. Cromwell Annual Santa's Run Saturday December 17, 2016

Each year the members of the Cromwell Fire Department pick one day for our annual "Santa's Run". On this day, we drive our holiday-decorated emergency vehicles around town, along with **Santa atop the fire truck, trying to visit each and every road and home. We hand out candy canes, take pictures, and have a wonderful time seeing everyone.** This event starts at 9:00 a.m. and usually ends around 4:00 p.m.

Please see attached for more information

7. CT Fire Academy Winter Recruit Orientation 2016

The Connecticut Fire Academy Recruit Firefighter Program is a 14 week resident course that focuses on developing the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed for the newly hired career firefighter, or for the volunteer firefighter to perform entry-level tasks under direct supervision. The Academy is offering two orientation sessions to anyone interested in learning about the Recruit Program and its comprehensive classroom instruction and training in firefighting techniques and equipment use. The orientation offers insights into what to expect, and how to prepare for this intensive training opportunity.

The 2016 Winter Recruit Orientation dates are:

- ❖ **Wednesday: December 14, 2016 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 p.m. Course Number 17044**
- ❖ **Thursday: December 15, 2016 from 10:00 am – 12:00 p.m. Course Number 17045**

Registration Required: Use the Standard CFA Application – Write "No Fee"
See attached

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