



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

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1. Eversource Electrical Safety Course

Subject: Eversource Safety Presentation Invite- Please pass along -Open Invitation

Eversource's very own Warren Rogers, Safety Supervisor, will present his very informative, **life saving** and always **entertaining** electrical safety presentation on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 6 PM at the East Lyme High School auditorium at 30 Chesterfield Road, East Lyme, CT.

Warren's presentation has saved countless lives! Last year, during a storm, a live wire fell on top of a school bus with children inside- what is the right thing to do?- The bus driver's action saved their lives.

As you survey your property after a storm, you see a wire laying on the ground that broke off from your home, you also begin to feel a tingling sensation in your legs- learn what to do and **not** to do to possibly save your life.

You will learn the answers to these questions and many more **that may one day save your life or that of another.**

Due to the limited number of opportunities that this presentation may be given in our region this year, **this invite is open to all fire, police, first responders, EMS, CERT, all regional town employees, their family and friends, school administrators, anyone who is interested in learning more about electrical safety.**

Please register with Tom Redden at FlandersFireDept@gmail.com as soon as possible.

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2. Fire Officer 1 Course at the Stamford Regional Fire School ****LIMITED SEATS REMAIN ****

The Stamford Regional Fire School will be offering a Fire Officer 1 Course starting on January 30, 2017. The program will run on Mondays and Wednesdays during the day from 0830-1630. Registration for this program will be through Stamford Regional Fire School. For more information and details on registering for this program please contact Lieutenant Patrick-Colin Burns Pburns@stamfordct.gov.

3. Report from the Chair



VCOS
IAFC Volunteer and Combination Officers Section

VCOS Election

Consider running for the VCOS board of directors. There are currently three seats with three-year terms through 2020 open. Due to the limit of no more than two at-large board members from each division, we *cannot* accept candidates from the Eastern Division.

All requirements, board member expectations and application details are on the [VCOS Elections webpage](#). Candidate applications will be accepted starting February 1 and are due by *Tuesday, February 28 at 5 PM ET*. We hope you consider getting more involved with VCOS.

Symposium in the West Grows!

Did you know we added another day to the Symposium in the West? Join us May 4–6 in Reno for three days of volunteer-leadership training that address the unique needs of your department.

[Register today!](#)

VCOS Webinar

Join us for the next VCOS webinar on January 19 at 2:30 PM ET on “CROSSfire: Taking the Heat out of Conflict,” which focuses on conflict resolution. [Please register ahead of time online](#).

VCOS Resources and Educational Opportunities

As you plan for 2017, we hope you'll take advantage of all the VCOS resources, such as the [ribbon reports](#) and [VISION project](#).

Don't forget about all the excellent [educational offerings](#) that can be tailored specifically to your department's needs, such as Beyond Hoses and Helmets, Fire Rescue Organizational Guidance, You and ISO, Leading the Transition and the On-Fire Leadership webinar series.

VCOS also [offers scholarships](#) and [awards](#) to [Fire-Rescue International](#) and the [Symposium in the Sun](#).

Follow Us on Social Media!

We hope you'll [like us on Facebook](#) if you haven't already. In addition, follow us on Twitter [@IAFC_VCOS](#). Use social media to stay connected, network with others and see all the latest VCOS news.

4. The Burrville Fire School is offering three courses beginning in February:

Introduction to Company Officer:

The Program is directed toward new company officers or personnel who desire to seek company officer positions. Course content includes; Transition from Firefighter to Company Officer, Duties and Responsibilities of a Company Officer, Strategy and Tactics, Crew Supervision, etc. The program is eight (8) weeks in length, meeting one (1) night each week. The first class is being held at the New Hartford Fire Department starting on February 8th and will run until March 29th. This will be eight (8) consecutive Wednesday nights, each class will start at 1800 hours and conclude at 2200 hours. The address for New Hartford Fire Department is 3 Greenwoods Road, New Hartford CT. The cost for the class is \$165 per student.

Marquam Johnson, Fire Chief (Ret) will serve as the lead instructor for the Program. Assisting Chief Johnson will be a number of instructors with a vast variety of company officer experience.

Firefighter 1:

This will be hosted by the Goshen Fire Department. It will begin on February 21st and run on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Fireground activities will be mostly on the weekends.

Exterior Firefighter:

A firefighting course for Exterior Firefighters will be hosted at the Woodbury Fire Department. It will comprise of 13 classes, some on Tuesday nights, some on Saturdays.

Fire chiefs, this is a great way to get a new firefighter up to speed prior to taking Firefighter 1. It begins on March 18th.

Please spread the word and share this opportunity with members in your departments. Let's fill the class! An application is attached for your convenience. Please forward completed application to Director Rich Winn (richard.t.winn@snet.net) by February 1, 2017. Please feel free to contact Director Rich Winn (860-309-4375) or Asst. Director John Field (860-806-3560).

5. 2017 Introduction to the Fire Service at the Connecticut Fire Academy

Applications for the 2017 Introduction to the Fire Service at the Connecticut Fire Academy are now available on the CFPC website <http://www.ct.gov/cfpc>. Introduction to the Fire Service applications must be returned by April 1, 2017.

There is also information on the webpage regarding the Introduction to the Fire Service Junior Counselors Program. These forms detail the procedure for graduates of past years ITTFS classes and graduates of the Advanced Skills and Concepts (ASAC) class to apply for an interview to be considered for a possible Junior Counselor position. Those applications must be returned by March 24, 2017.

Additional information on these programs can be found at:
<http://www.ct.gov/cfpc/cwp/view.asp?Q=516050&A=832>

6. NFPA Seeking Rural Fire Department Members!

NFPA is hosting a fire and life safety symposium on May 12 & 13, 2017 in the Boston area to bring together representatives from rural fire departments across North America. The symposium will help NFPA assess fire and life safety education needs and gain a clear picture of rural fire department challenges related to prevention. Participants will help us better serve rural and volunteer fire departments in their public education, prevention, and Community Risk Reduction efforts.

Who should attend?

Symposium attendees will be members of rural fire departments within North America and should have an interest in fire and life safety education. We hope to bring together a dynamic group of representatives who span fire department roles, geographical regions, and levels of experience in education and prevention. If you are interested in attending, please complete the [online survey](#). Your input on this survey will help us invite the right mix of rural firefighters.

The survey will be open through March 15, 2017. Invitations will be extended to selected participants by March 20, 2017.

NFPA will cover travel, lodging, and meal expenses for invited participants.

For more information about the Rural Fire and Life Safety Symposium, go to www.nfpa.org/rural or contact Karen Berard-Reed at kbreed@nfpa.org.

7. 2017 CFA Training Calendar Online

The 2017 Connecticut Fire Academy Training Calendar is available online at:

<http://www.ct.gov/cfpc/cwp/view.asp?Q=574030&A=832>

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS EMAIL

Fire Training School Torrington (Burrville State Fire School)

P.O. Box 335
Pleasant Valley, CT 06063

Chairman Robert Norton Jr.
Director Richard T. Winn
Asst. Director John B. Field Jr.

Course Application

Name: _____ Date of Application: _____

Course Name: _____ Course Fee: _____

Student ID: _____

(First 3 Initials of last name and last 4 numbers of social security number)

(Example: Joe Smith; SS# 123-45-6789: ID would be SMI-6789)

Home Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

(Cell) _____ E-Mail: _____

Are you at least 18 Years of Age? Yes No

Firefighter I & II applicants must be at least 18 years of age

Applicants Signature

As Chief of the _____ Fire Department, I hereby authorize the above applicant to participate in the Firefighter I or II program and therefore understand that the above named individual will be covered by my department's worker's compensation insurance while participating in such training and that the Burrville State Fire School, its' officers', Instructors', Agents' or Employees' shall not be liable for any injuries sustained during such training. The applicant is considered by my department's standards to be physically and emotionally fit to perform firefighting evolutions without special considerations, and where applicable, to meet the 29 CFR 1910.134 standard for the use of respirators (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus).

Chief's Signature

Date

Purchase Order #

Authorized Billing Signature

***Please include a copy of the medical clearance for Firefighter I and II courses.

(Please complete both sides)

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DOB: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone #: _____

Department Representing: _____

Company/Unit: _____ Town: _____

Circle One: Career Volunteer

Date Entered Fire Service: _____ Rank: _____

Fire Chief's Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Training Officer's Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Fire Department Mailing Address: _____

I _____ authorize the Burrville State Fire School
to release my training records for the _____ course in which I am enrolled to

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

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Dear Litchfield County and neighboring firefighters;

The rebuilding of the Burrville Fire School is slated to start in the early spring of 2017. The contract for the design/build team has been awarded to PDS Engineering out of Bloomfield. We are meeting with them on a weekly basis to finalize the design. We plan on presenting the final plans and discussing the future of the fire school at the February meeting of the Litchfield County Fire Chiefs Emergency Plan, Inc. The state recently demolished the old facility. Until the new facility is complete we will be running courses at local host departments.

The class schedules are set the spring of 2017. The fire school will be running a Firefighter I course at the Goshen Fire Station and an Exterior Firefighter at the Woodbury Fire Station. This summer we plan on running a Firefighter I and II course that is designed for college students. The spring Firefighter I certification course will be run on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and some weekends. The course will include certification at the Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operational levels. The cost is \$1,050 which includes all exam fees, student textbook, and student workbook. The application deadline for Firefighter I is February 8, 2017. The course fee will increase to \$1,155 after the deadline. The course schedule is attached.

The Exterior Firefighter course will be running on Tuesday nights and some Saturdays. The cost is \$250. The application deadline for Exterior Firefighter is March 3, 2017. The course fee will increase to \$275 after the deadline. The course schedule is attached.

On behalf of the school committee and the staff of the Burrville State Fire School I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Safe, Healthy and Happy New Year.

Richard Winn

Richard Winn, School Director
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(860) 309-4375 (cell phone)
www.facebook.com/BurrvilleFireSchool

Burrville Fire School Spring 2017 Firefighter I Course - Goshen

Date	Day	Hours	Subject
2/21	Tuesday	3	Orientation, Introductions & History
2/23	Thursday	3	Fire Behavior
2/28	Tuesday	3	Building Construction/Inspections
3/2	Thursday	3	NIMS/IMS
3/7	Tuesday	3	Response/Size-up, Survival, Rehab
3/9	Thursday	3	PPE/SCBA
3/11	Saturday	8	PPE/SCBA
3/12	Sunday	8	PPE/SCBA
3/14	Tuesday	3	Ropes & Knots
3/16	Thursday	3	Ropes & Knots
3/21	Tuesday	3	Communications/LCD, TFD Stocks Radios
3/23	Thursday	3	Ladders
3/25	Saturday	8	Ladders
3/26	Sunday	8	Ladders
3/28	Tuesday	3	Review Mid Term Exam
3/30	Thursday	3	Fire Cause Determination, Sprinklers etc.
4/4	Tuesday	3	Water Supply
4/6	Thursday	3	Fire Attack & Fire Suppression
4/8	Saturday	8	Hose
4/9	Sunday	8	Hose
4/11	Tuesday	3	Wildland Firefighting
4/13	Thursday	3	Loss Control
4/18	Tuesday	3	Vent/Force Entry Lecture

4/20	Thursday	3	Search & Rescue Lecture	
4/22	Saturday	8	Search and Rescue, Loss Control Practicals	
4/23	Sunday	8	Forcible Entry/Vent Practicals	
4/25	Tuesday	3	Extinguishers Lecture	
4/27	Thursday	3	Extinguishers Practical and skills review	
5/2	Tuesday	3	JPR's	
5/4	Thursday	3	Vehicle Fires @ CFA	
5/6	Saturday	8	Haz-Mat Awareness	
5/7	Sunday	8	Structural Live Burn @ CFA	
5/9	Tuesday	3	Haz-Mat Ops	
5/11	Thursday	3	Haz-Mat Ops	
5/16	Tuesday	3	Haz-Mat Ops	
5/18	Thursday	3	Metering/Monitoring	
5/20	Saturday	8	PPE/Product Control	
5/21	Sunday	8	Decon/Rescue	
5/23	Tuesday	3	Smart Triage	
5/25	Thursday	3	Evidence Preservation/Illicit Drug Labs	
5/30	Tuesday	3	Terrorism/WMD	
6/1	Thursday	3	FFI/JPR Practical Review	
6/6	Tuesday	3	Haz-Mat Practical Review	
TBD		8	State Practical Skills Exam	
TBD		3	Written Review/School Written	
		3	School Graduation	
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