



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

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1. January CFDIA Meeting

The January meeting will be held on January 4th at 0900 at the Norwalk Fire Department HQ, 121 Connecticut Ave. The topic will be the understanding and limitations for structural firefighting clothing. Attendees are also welcome to tour the indoor training facility.

2. CFA Fire Officer I in Canaan

Spaces remain available for Fire Officer I in Canaan beginning on January 14th. Use the following link for a course application that can be mailed or faxed into the Connecticut Fire Academy. http://www.ct.gov/cfpc/lib/cfpc/CFA2017_Application.pdf

Course dates are 1/14, 1/15, 1/21, 1/22, 1/28, 1/29, 2/4, 2/5, 2/11, 2/12, 2/18, 2/19, 2/26, and 3/12. Course tuition is \$375.00. Any questions, please contact Program Manager Jason Decremer at 860-264-9242 or jason.decremer@ct.gov

3. FEMA SAFER Grant Webinars Scheduled

Beginning on Wednesday, January 4th 1:30 PM ET, FEMA will host live Adobe Connect webinars to provide an overview of the FY 2016 SAFER Grant Program, including both the Hiring of Firefighters activity and the Recruitment and Retention of Volunteer Firefighters activity. The presentation will outline important changes to the SAFER Grant Program between FY 2015 and FY 2016. In addition, the presentation will offer information about program priorities, eligible costs, and the application and award process. FEMA Fire Program Specialists will be available to answer your questions.

SAFER Webinar Schedule:

Topic	Day of Week	Dates	Time
FY 2016 SAFER Grant Program	Wednesday	01/04/2017	1:30 pm - 2:30 pm ET
	Friday	01/06/2017	1:30 pm - 2:30 pm ET
	Monday	01/09/2017	1:30 pm - 2:30 pm ET
	Tuesday	01/10/2017	1:30 pm - 2:30 pm ET

Live Webinars

To participate:

Webinar sessions will be broadcast using an Adobe Connect webinar link with call-in phone number for audio transmission. We suggest that you save this link to your browser's favorites.

The Adobe Connect webinar can be found at <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/saferoverview/>. To access the webinar follow these steps:

1. Click on the webinar link
2. Select “**enter as a guest**” and provide **your name** and your **department’s name**. Click on enter the room
3. Agree to the terms of the Adobe Connect system, Click on “OK”

For the audio transmission, the call-in number is: 1-800-320-4330. Enter pin # 530853.

Not sure if the webinar is working on your computer? Test your webinar access now by signing in as a guest, just visit: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/saferoverview/>.

4. New London County Fire Chiefs Association January Meeting Notice

The New London County Fire Chiefs Association’s January meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 beginning at 7 p.m. and hosted by Bulldog fire Apparatus at the Comfort Suites 275 Otrobando Avenue in Norwich 06360.

The meeting's speaker, a Chief from the Fall River (MA) Fire Department, will talk about Grant Writing and offer some basic Do's and Don'ts. A meal will be served. The meeting will be held in the conference room.

4. Scene Size-Up Initiative with First Due Size-Up Online Overview

You are invited to an online session discussing how it is now possible to automatically size-up every location within your area (even residential buildings) with technology.

When: January 11, 2017 9:00 AM

Topic: Scene Size-Up Initiative with First Due Size-Up

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://zoom.us/j/145956790>

For Audio Please:

1. Use the Audio on your Computer; OR
2. Dial in with iPhone one-tap (US Toll): +16465588656,639148849# or +14086380968,639148849#;
OR
3. Dial: +1 646 558 8656 (US Toll) or +1 408 638 0968 (US Toll)

Webinar ID: 145-956-790

For additional information on First Due Size-Up visit: <http://firstduesizeup.com/>

6. VFIS EVDT Update Webinar Sessions

VFIS has recently added more EVDT Update Instructor Webinar Session for January!

January 24, 2017
10a.m. – 12 Noon

January 25, 2017
7:00p.m. – 9 p.m.

January 26, 2017
2:p.m. – 4 p.m.

Visit our [website](#) for a list of available training sessions.

Download the form, then email it to csapps@vfis.com.

Download

7. Firefighter Near Miss Report of the Week

Safety Glasses Not Worn During Tool Maintenance

SUMMARY

A firefighter was completing tool maintenance without the necessary PPE. Some debris broke loose and nearly injured the firefighter's eye.

EVENT DESCRIPTION

A firefighter was working on a piece of equipment without safety glasses. A piece of metal shot off the equipment and stuck into their eyebrow. If the metal shard was about half an inch lower, it would have more than likely caused permanent damage and disability.

The firefighter stated that eye protection should always be worn, no matter how routine the work is. Injuries don't just occur on emergency scenes.

View the Report: [No Safety Glasses, Metal Shard Strikes Eyebrow](#)

TAKE-AWAYS

Although this report isn't about a long fire response or a dramatic scene on a highway, it is no less significant. It's likely that in our early medical technician training or probationary school, we were all about proper PPE, especially items that don't seem as important like safety glasses. We couldn't pass the practical exams without them.

If your organization or personnel already have donning safety glasses as a necessary part of every day on the job, good on you. You're a leader. You're smart.

Somewhere along the way, whether a good run of luck or by chance, safety glasses for many have become a second thought or something unnecessary. Would you go into a structure fire without a helmet? You probably haven't been hit in the head every time at one. The same logic should apply for safety glasses. If there's a remote possibility that injury or an exposure could occur, the proper PPE should be in use.

Make safety glasses a part of your personnel's uniform, and make it another tool you wouldn't think about going without.

DISCUSSION

- What is your department's policy or guideline for the use of PPE?
- In what situations are safety glasses necessary? On calls? At the station? Be specific.
- What other PPE is available for personnel? What risks does the PPE address?

LEADING PRACTICES

Personal protective equipment is a necessity for many of the activities we find ourselves involved in on the job. Most of the time, policies require the use of PPE, but for various reasons many personnel disregard its use. Lack of enforcement, lack of funding, image or social concerns result in the failure to use PPE that protects critical body parts.

Many will remember from early EMS training of first learning about the importance of scene safety and BSI (body substance isolation). Once we get on the job, does it become inconvenient? Deemed unnecessary? Why in the above near-miss did this firefighter not protect his eyes?

Obviously, all PPE is important. Be consistent and wear it whenever there is a risk to exposure. Consider what the risks are; think how easily donning the proper PPE for the situation can reduce or remove the risk for exposure. The exposure could be from debris when working on tools or another station task, or from bodily fluids or debris on a scene.

Firefighters need to be an example to one another for wearing available PPE. Company officers must ensure their personnel are protected and lead by example by always wearing the right PPE.

RELATED NEAR MISS REPORTS

- [Safety Glasses Do Their Job During Extrication](#)
- [Missing Eye Protection Leads to Severe Injury](#)
- [Broken Safety Goggles Injures FF](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [FireRescue1.com Article: Getting the Best Eye Protection](#)
- [OSHA Personal Protective Equipment Safety Topic](#)
- [FireEngineering.com Article: Eye and Face Safety: Are Your Firefighters Protected?](#)

8. IAFC Volunteer and Combination Officers Section

As 2016 comes to an end, the VCOS board wants to wish all VCOS members and their families a very happy and safe holiday season. Thanks for all that you do for your communities, departments and the fire service as a whole. We truly appreciate your support of the IAFC and VCOS.

2016 has been a very busy and successful year for VCOS, with the inaugural Symposium in the West, a record-breaking attendance of over 700 at Symposium in the Sun, dozens of classes and webinars conducted and more. As the fire service continues to grow and change, VCOS strives to provide members with the latest information to help benefit your departments.

When you start to think about your department goals and training needs for 2017, we hope you'll keep the various [VCOS educational opportunities](#) in mind and continue to use the [VCOS website](#), which is full of resources for volunteer and combination departments.

Get all the latest VCOS resources, newsletters, trainings and more by [getting involved](#) today!

The VCOS board and the IAFC thanks you for your continued membership. Happy Holidays!

9. Larus Institute Offers Entry-Level Firefighter Exam and Interview Course

Entry-level firefighter exam and interview prep course will be held at Norwalk Community College on Thursday evenings, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM, starting on Feb. 9. The course lasts six weeks. Instructor: Bill Peltz. To register, contact the college (203-857-7237) or go online at www.norwalk.edu. The course is listed under the Extended Studies tab.

10. Retirement Celebration for D/C Dominick Carfi – Bridgeport F.D.

A retirement celebration will be held to honor Deputy Chief Dominick Carfi retiring from the Bridgeport FD with nearly 40 years of service on Friday, February 10, 2017 from 7-10p.m. at Vazzano's Four Seasons 337 Kenyon Street in Stratford. See the attached flyer for ticket information.

11. Pawcatuck FD to Host Firefighter I Course

A Firefighter I HM Awareness/Operations course will be held at and hosted by the Pawcatuck F.D. beginning January 31. See the attached flyer for additional information and registration.

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS EMAIL

Celebrate a Special Occasion and Join Us in Honoring

Deputy Chief Dominick Carfi

***RETIRING FROM THE BRIDGEPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT
WITH NEARLY 40 YEARS OF SERVICE***

Friday, February 10, 2017
7:00pm - 10:00pm

Open Bar
Appetizers
Dinner

Vazzano's
Four 
SEASONS
337 Kenyon St
Stratford, CT

COST
\$50
Per person

For Tickets Contact

Capt Sal Emanuel 203-583-9414
Lt Stephen Mitchell 203-913-1951
PE Carlos Rosario 203-362-9919
AC Chris Martin 203-231-1182

Jeff L. Chandler
 35 Waterhouse Lane Mystic, CT 06355
 860-961-5983
 Chandler1075@sbcglobal.net

*Please **PRINT** all information legibly as it will appear on your permanent records.
 This entire application must be completed by **both** the Department & trainee prior to submission.*

APPLICANT DATA

Last name		First name		MI
Student ID: 1 st three letters of Last Name and last 4 of SS#			_ _ _ _ - _ _ _ _	
Home Street Address				
Town			State	Zip Code
Telephone	Work ()		Cell ()	
Fire Department Name:				
Fire Department City/Town:				
Email Address: (It is the candidate's responsibility to notify the lead instructor of email address changes)				

DEPARTMENT APPROVAL

<p>As Chief of the _____ Fire Department, I hereby authorize the applicant to participate in this program and, therefore, understand that the applicant will be covered by my organization's Worker's Compensation Insurance while participating in such training, and that Jeff Chandler, Associate Instructors, the Pawcatuck Fire Department, the Pawcatuck Fire District, it's commissioners, officers, instructors, agents or employees shall not be liable for any injuries sustained during such training.</p> <p>This 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 29 CFR 1910.134 standard for the use of respirators (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) and 29CFR1910.156 for Firefighting operations. Additionally, the personal protective equipment (structural firefighting gear and SCBA) are NFPA and OSHA compliant for such activities.</p>	
Chief of Department, printed name <hr style="border: 1px solid black;"/>	Signature, Fire Chief _____ Date _____

Course Fee: \$900.00 Checks Payable to Jeff L. Chandler

Cash	Check—please indicate check # and date	Purchase order #
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By my signature below, I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and that I will be at least 18 years of age on the date of the training. I further certify that I have not been convicted of a felony and I understand that intentionally making a false statement on this application is a Class A misdemeanor.

Applicant's Signature	Date
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Students canceling at least seven days prior to the start of the course will receive a full refund, otherwise there will be no refunds. Any student absent on the first day will be dropped from the roster. No Facial hair that interferes with the face-piece to face seal is permitted.

Firefighter I

with

Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations

at the

Pawcatuck Fire Department

33 Liberty St.

January 31,

February 2, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23, 26, 28,

March 2, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23, 26, 28, 30,

April 2, 4, 6, 9

Tuesdays and Thursday 1800-2200

Sundays 0800-1630

State Test Dates are to be determined

Course Fee: \$900 Check or PO due by the start of class

Fee Includes: Course, Books, and Testing Fees

Full Turnout Gear, SCBA and Spare Cylinder is required for each class

Safety and Excellence



Through Superior Training

Make Check Payable to:

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