



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

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1. EMT Initial/EMR Bridge Class, Hosted in Lyme, **Last Minute Openings**

Lyme Fire Company and Lyme Ambulance Association are hosting an EMT class to be held at:

Lyme Fire Company HQ
213 Hamburg Rd. Lyme, CT. 06371

Class runs from January 16, 2017 to May 11, 2017. Class is Monday and Thursday evenings from 6pm-10pm, and one 7 hour Saturday per month. REGISTRATION FOR EMT CLASS CLOSSES MONDAY, JANUARY 9TH, students can register at:

www.easthaddamrec.com

The class will be a combination EMT initial and EMR to EMT Bridge course.

note that dates on flyer picture will not be accurate because course was pushed a week due to conflicts with start date

2. EMT/AEMT Refresher

911 Response Training Solutions is conducting an AEMT/EMT Refresher at Glenville Volunteer Fire Co. starting this weekend.

The dates for the EMT Refresher are as follows:

Sun 1/8. 08-19hrs

Mon 1/9 18-23hrs

Tue 1/10 18-23hrs

Wed 1/11 18-23hrs

Thurs 1/12 18-23hrs

Written and Practical Sat 1/14 15hrs

The AEMT portion includes all of the above dates plus a combination of classroom training on Sat 1/7 08-17hrs; Sat 1/14 08-14:30 hrs and online training with the written and practical will be 1/14 @15hrs.

EMT portion costs \$250 and the AEMT is an additional \$150. Contact 911 Response Training Solutions @203.273.7411 or email 911responsetraining@gmail.com

3. Burrville Spring Courses

The Burrville Fire School will be holding both a Firefighter 1 course and an Exterior Firefighter course. Firefighter 1 will begin in February. The Exterior Firefighter course will begin in March. Please see the attached information for details, schedule, and applications.

Call with questions: 860-307-2267

4. Gateway Community College to offer Firefighter II and EMT-Basic Classes for Spring Semester

Gateway Community College will be offering both a firefighter II course and an Emergency Medical Technician course for this coming spring 2017 semester beginning January 19, 2017. Classes will be held at both the downtown Gateway campus and the New Haven Regional Fire Academy in New Haven. Class dates and time are listed on the attached documents. Registration and cost can be found at www.gatewayct.edu or contact Dmarcarelli@gwcc.commnet.edu for more information

5. Old Mystic FD Hosting EMT/EMR Refresher Class

The Old Mystic FD is hosting an EMT/EMR Refresher Class beginning Saturday, February 11. Please see the attached flyer for additional information or contact Capt. Keith Richards at krichards@OMFD.org or (860) 572-2282.

6. IAFC Education Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted

The [International Association of Fire Chiefs Foundation \(IAFCF\)](#) is accepting applications from qualified first responders for its [2017 educational scholarships](#). *The deadline to apply is May 2.* Scholarships provided by the IAFCF help strengthen the fire service by helping first responders as they advance their college-level education so they're better prepared to face the complex challenges of today's fire service.

Available 2017 scholarships:

- Arthur J. Glatfelter Memorial Scholarship
- Chief Charles "Chet" Henry Scholarship Award
- Garry L. Briese Scholarship Award
- Heather Westphal Memorial Scholarship
- John M. Buckman III Award
- Federal Military Section Scholarship Award
- Fire Explorers (14–20 years of age)

Any person with a minimum of three years as a volunteer, two years paid or a combination of three years paid and volunteer active service with a state, county, provincial, municipal, community, industrial or federal fire department is eligible to apply.

Application Deadline: May 2

For more information, email Foundation@iafc.org

Apply now at: <https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/36103-International-Association-Of-Fire-Chiefs>

7. HOWSER Public Safety is pleased to announce two new Initial EMS Certification Courses!!

EMR to EMT Bridge Course - Course Starts February 8, 2017

Accelerated EMT Course - Course Starts February 8, 2017

Both Courses will be Online and In Person "Blended" Courses.

"Blended" courses give students the flexibility to learn on their own time, at their own pace, limiting in person classroom sessions, while still receiving superior education!

Seats are going fast! (*You'll buy the whole seat but the edge is all you'll need!*)

These classes are a great opportunity for new or existing members to obtain their EMT Certification quickly, during the winter months.

It might be a great way to attract new members making a New Year's resolution to serve their communities! Course flyers are attached and HOWSER website links are provided below.

Please forward this information on to those who you think may be interested.

8. Firefighter Near Miss Report of the Week

Aggressive Training Leads to Injury

SUMMARY

In this report, an aggressive Denver drill scenario leads to a significant injury to a firefighter. Can training scenarios be too aggressive or competitive?

EVENT DESCRIPTION

Our training officer decided to perform the Denver drill as a multi-company drill one day. It was also decided to use a live victim for the event. The event was timed for all shifts and each team of people.

Most of the evolution had gone OK, but there were signs that potential injury could occur. I myself had nearly been choked out and my neck nearly twisted past 90 degrees while being the window guy for the lift.

One member of linebacker build and size decided to load the victim on his back: he would press him up on his back and they could pull him out the window. Once up, the guy pushing from behind and the guy in the window became very aggressive with their attempt to remove the victim, and the lifting firefighter received a broken neck and broken back. His head and neck were driven into the wall and corner as the victim was caught on his gear.

His calls to hold on and slow down were not heard due to the confined area, the wearing of SCBA and the amount of noise being produced in trying to move the victim.

View the Report: [Denver Drill](#)

TAKE-AWAYS

When you turn firefighters loose at a hands-on training session, things can get competitive. It's in our nature to work at an aggressive pace, and this can be exacerbated by attempts to make training more competitive or realistic.

When planning a training it's important to balance realism and safety. We can make a training evolution difficult and push firefighters skill levels while still maintaining a margin of safety. This is important, as we need to add in a level of stress while still allowing firefighters to practice skills in a crawl-walk-run progression. This ensures people are learning and not just being tested.

DISCUSSION

- How do you design a training evolution that balances realism and safety?
- What are the most dangerous evolutions your department trains on? Can you make them safer?
- Is it necessary to push firefighters to the limit to prove they can perform a skill?

LEADING PRACTICES

Maintaining a level of realism is important when planning a training. Training evolutions that mimic a real situation will help firefighters react correctly when faced with a stressful situation. These training situations are for firefighters who have mastered a skill and are ready to apply it in a real-world scenario. It allows a firefighter to integrate that skill and the stress of the situation and to become more efficient.

Too often, this type of training is used when teaching a skill. This combined with firefighters whose skill sets are still lacking can be a disaster waiting to happen. The firefighters find themselves trying to apply a skill set they're not proficient at in a stressful situation, possibly without a margin of safety.

There is sometimes a desire to remove safety nets, such as taglines, because of a perception that they make the training less realistic and they wouldn't be present in a real situation. The difference is that in a training environment we owe people a greater level of safety as we have control over the situation; in these situations, we aren't risking ourselves to save someone. This is true for all types of training evolutions, including live-fire training.

Make sure firefighters have the opportunity to learn the skill in a progressive fashion. When they've reached a high level of precision, then apply it in a realistic situation with some added stress. This will result in a great learning opportunity, not a test that everyone is destined to fail.

RELATED NEAR MISS REPORTS

- [Denver Drill Lessons Learned](#)
- [FFs Pulled into Water During Swiftwater Training](#)
- [Ladder Bailout Training Turns Treacherous](#)
- [Firefighter Injured During Hose Slide Evolution](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [FireRescue1.com Article: Four Steps to Safe, Realistic Live Fire Training](#)
- [FireEngineering.com Article: Live to Train Another Day](#)
- [FireRescueMagazine.com Article: Safety During Training](#)

9. 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/>

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Fire Training School Torrington
Burrville State Fire School
P. O. Box 335
Pleasant Valley, CT 06063-0335

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
richard.t.winn@snet.net
(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	
		3	State Written Exam	

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)

Fire Training School Torrington (Burrville State Fire School)

P.O. Box 335
Pleasant Valley, CT 06063

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: _____

(Please complete both sides)

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This fast paced Initial EMT Course uses the latest technology to allow students the flexibility of Online Learning with limited in person classroom sessions.

Students will be able to complete online learning assignments at their own pace, on their own time, when they choose to do so!

Classes begin on February 8, 2017 and meet every Wednesday from 6-10 PM

There are 3 Saturday Sessions that will be held on 2/11, 3/4, & 3/25

Regular Classes end on March 29, 2017 !!

Classroom Sessions are held in Old Saybrook.

Course Fee - \$925.00

Register TODAY - Seats are filling FAST!!

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AEMT Refresher



This 53 Hour State Approved EMT Refresher meets the required hours, necessary for CT State recertification and can be used towards NREMT recertification. This Refresher will be administered through classroom and online delivery as well as AHA HCP CPR recertification will be granted.

WHERE: Meeting Room, Glenville Volunteer Fire Company, 266 Glenville Road, Greenwich, CT 06831

WHEN: *Saturday, January 7th 08:00 - 17:00*
Sunday, January 8th 08:00 – 19:00
Monday, January 9th 1:00 – 23:00
Tuesday, January 10th 18:00 – 23:00
Wednesday, January 11th 18:00 - 23:00
Thursday, January 12th 18:00 – 23:00
Saturday, January 14th 08:00 - 14:30

*****CT State Proctored Exam: Saturday 1/14/17 15:00*****

COST: \$400, Text & Test Prep additional if desired, but not required.

To register: Email 911ResponseTraining@gmail.com, or call 203.273.7411





EMT Refresher



This 32 Hour State Approved EMT Refresher meets the required hours, necessary for State recertification and can be used towards NREMT recertification. AHA HCP CPR recertification will be granted.

WHERE: Meeting Room, Glenville Volunteer Fire Company, 266 Glenville Road, Greenwich, CT 06831

WHEN: *Sunday, January 8th 08:00 – 19:00*
Monday, January 9th 18:00 – 23:00
Tuesday, January 10th 18:00 – 23:00
Wednesday, January 11th 18:00 - 23:00
Thursday, January 12th 18:00 – 23:00
*****CT State Proctored Exam: Saturday, January 14th 15:00*****

COST: \$250, Text & Test Prep additional if desired, but not required.

To register: Email 911ResponseTraining@gmail.com, or call 203.273.7411



EMR → → → **EMT**

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Classes begin on February 8, 2017 and meet every Wednesday from 6-10 PM

There are 3 Saturday Sessions that will be held on 2/11, 3/4, & 3/25

Regular Classes end on March 29, 2017 !!

Classroom Sessions are held in Old Saybrook.

Course Fee - \$875.00

Register TODAY - Seats are filling FAST!!

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EMT/EMR REFRESHER CLASS

WHERE: OLD MYSTIC FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION #1

21 NORTH STONINGTON ROAD, MYSTIC CT 06355

TIME: SATURDAYS: 0800 – 1600

SUNDAYS: 0800 - 1600

WHEN: SATURDAY: FEBRUARY 11TH

SUNDAY: FEBRUARY 12TH

SATURDAY: FEBRUARY 18TH

SUNDAY: FEBRUARY 19TH

COST: EMT: \$175.00

EMR: \$150.00

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP CONTACT:

CAPTAIN KEITH RICHARDS AT KRICHARDS@OMFD.ORG

OR BY PHONE IN THE OFFICE: (860) 572-2282 / FAX: (860) 536-7811

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A combination of lectures and skills training and mandatory observation at Middlesex Hospital in the Emergency Department

This course is offered in cooperation with Lyme Fire Department, East Haddam Parks and Recreation, Middlesex Hospital, Office of Emergency Medical Services and the CT Department of Public Health



January 9, 2017— May 4, 2017

Every Monday/Thursday 6 pm – 10 pm

One Saturday per month 9 am – 4 pm

Cost: \$899 (includes 2017 11th edition 1581 page textbook, stethoscope, blood pressure cuff, pocket mask and AHA Healthcare Provider CPR certification)

Please call 860-873-5058 for more information.

Classes will be held in Lyme and East Haddam

Please visit www.easthaddamrec.com to register.



Gateway Community College EMT-Basic

GWCC is now accepting applications for the spring 2017, *EMT-Basic course*.

Classes will be held on Tuesday & Thursday evenings, 5:30-9:00pm and alternating Saturdays 8:30-4:30.
Classes run on the following dates:

January; 19,24,26,28,31

February; 2,7,9,11,14,16,18,21,23,25,28

March; 2,7,9,11,14,16,18,21,23,25,28,30

April; 4,6,8,9,11,13,18,20,22,25,27

Wednesday lectures will be held at GWCC's downtown campus. Saturday's coursework will be conducted at New Haven Regional Fire Training Academy.

This course is designed to make the student proficient in the skills needed to become a working, functioning, Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technician (EMT).

Registration can be completed online. Please visit Gateway Community College Website at www.gatewayct.edu or contact Dmarcarelli@gwcc.comnet.edu for further information.





Gateway Community College Firefighter II

GWCC is now accepting applications for the spring 2017, *Firefighter II Course*.

Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings, 6:30-9:00pm and alternating Saturdays 8:30-4:30
Classes will run on the following dates:

January; 25
February; 1,4,8,15,22
March; 1,4,8,22,25,29
April; 1,5,12,19,22,26
May; 3,6,10,13,24

Wednesday lectures will be held at GWCC's downtown campus. Saturday's coursework will be conducted at New Haven Regional Fire Training Academy.

State evaluations as follows:

Live Burn Audit- April 22, 2017
State Practical- May 13, 2017
State written- May 24, 2017

Student is expected to be equipped with full turnout gear and SCBA. Rental options are available.

Registration can be completed online. Please visit Gateway Community College Website at www.gatewayct.edu or contact Dmarcarelli@gwcc.comnet.edu for further information.

