



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

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1. NFPA Issues Safety Bulletin on Firefighter Protective Hoods

The [National Fire Protection Association](#) (NFPA) has issued a safety bulletin on [firefighter protective hoods](#). It is well-documented that firefighter Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is [exposed to a wide range of toxins, pathogens and other hazardous substances](#). According to a study by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), [firefighters have a greater number of cancer diagnoses and cancer related deaths](#).

[Firefighter protective hoods](#) are the most penetrable piece of equipment; they do not stop soot and chemicals from depositing on a firefighter's neck and head – areas that are extremely vulnerable to dermal exposure. "NFPA has had the back of firefighters for more than 120 years," said Ed Conlin, Public Fire Protection division manager. "Given the increase in occupational cancer incidents in the fire service, we feel it is best to err on the side of caution as we await additional scientific research on PPE and learn more about the absorption of carcinogens near the forehead, jaw, neck and throat."

The NFPA protective hood bulletin recommends that fire departments establish an overall health and safety program and establish practices for care and maintenance in accordance with [NFPA 1851, Standard on Selection, Care, and Maintenance of Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting and Proximity Fire Fighting](#). For additional information, visit [NFPA's PPE cleaning page](#).

2. Old Mystic Hosting Gathering for George Fargo

George Fargo is Moving

George and Kathleen Fargo are moving to Maine. George has been active in the Emergency Services in this area for 72 years. He has touched thousands of people's lives both in the First Responder services and the community.

Please stop by and visit with George and his many friends

Light refreshments will be served

Old Mystic Fire Station #1
21 North Stonington Road
Friday February 24th 2017
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

3. Application Period for FY 2016 Fire Prevention & Safety Grants is Coming Soon

The FY 2016 FP&S application period is right around the corner. The open application period dates will be released as soon as the information becomes available.

Start planning your FY 2016 FPS Grant application now by reviewing the technical assistance tools below. These tools were produced specifically to help potential applicants begin to plan their 2016 applications ahead of the application period. The tools can be viewed on the AFG website or downloaded to your computer.

FY 2016 Fire Prevention & Safety Application Assistance Tools

- * Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) - **COMING SOON**
- * FY 2016 FP &S Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) - **COMING SOON**
- * Application Checklist: This checklist will help you prepare to answer general administrative questions in your FP&S grant application
- * Self-Evaluation Guide: FP&S Applicants – Assess your readiness to apply. This tool will help you prepare information needed to answer the evaluation criteria within the application.
- * FP &S Cost Share Calculator

FP &S Grants Help Desk: If you have questions about the NOFO or technical assistance tools listed, call or e-mail the FP &S Grants help Desk. The toll-free number is 1-866-274-0960; the e-mail address for questions is firegrants@fema.dhs.gov.

4. Question Review Session Participants Sought for Rescue Technician Vehicle I/II

The Certification Division of the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control is establishing a local examination question review panel for Rescue Technician Vehicle I/II (NFPA 1006). The date for this review is Wednesday, February 15, 2017 from 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM. The question review panel members

will be strictly on a volunteer basis. The Commission on Fire Prevention and Control will provide lunch to the panel members. The review sessions last from one to two days based on the level. You must be certified to the level that is going to be reviewed.

If you would like to be a member on this question review panel, please email Certification Coordinator Mike Jepeal at michael.jepeal@ct.gov by February 8, 2017.

5. Eastern Connecticut Fire School 2017 Spring Class Schedule

The Eastern Connecticut Fire School in Willimantic is offering a Firefighter I and Firefighter II Course as part of their 2017 Spring Class Schedule.

Please see the attached for additional course information and registration. Questions may be directed to (860) 487-1105.

6. Valley Fire Chiefs Regional Training School Announces Spring Firefighter II Program

The application period for our 2017 Firefighter II program is now open. This class is scheduled to begin on Thursday, February 23, 2017 and will be held on Thursday evenings and Sundays as needed. The Ansonia Fire Department has offered to host the program, and it will be held at the Hilltop Hose Company #5. For more information or to apply online, please go to

www.valleyfireschoolct.org or email jvincent@valleyfireschoolct.org.

7. Fire Service Day at the Capitol – March 29, 2017 – Save the Date

The Joint Council of Connecticut Fire Service Organizations annual *Fire Service Day* at the State Capitol in Hartford will be held on **Wednesday, March 29, 2017** from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. All fire service personnel are welcome and strongly encouraged to attend!! Please contact members of your legislative delegation and invite them to visit displays in the Concourse area between the Legislative Office Building and State Capitol. Better yet, schedule a meeting with your legislators for that day and personally escort them to visit the displays.

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS EMAIL

2017 SPRING CLASS SCHEDULE 2017

presented at

The Eastern Connecticut Fire School Willimantic



(QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO 860-487-1105)

FIREFIGHTER I

Course fee: \$1,050.00

This program is designed to prepare the student for competencies established by the NFPA 1001 "Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications" 2012 edition. Also included within the standard by reference is the NFPA 472 "Standards for Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents" 2013 edition. Students must attend all sessions and complete all assignments to qualify for the state exams. The exams will consist of a practical skills assessment followed by a cognitive written exam. The Commission on Fire Prevention and Control, Office of Certification will conduct all examinations. Fees for all examinations are included in the registration fee and include State of Connecticut and National Certification fees.

The IFSTA "Essentials of Fire Fighting" (6th Edition) will be the primary reference textbook for this course and will be provided to each student.

This program requires hands-on training along with classroom instruction. Full protective clothing including SCBA with one spare cylinder is required each day of class.

This course will be held on Saturdays and Sundays, February 11, 12, 25, 26; March 11, 12, 18, 25, 26; April 8, 9, 22, 23, 29; May 13, 20, 27, 28; June 3, 10, 2017 (from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. each day)

Students must report the first day of class with full protective clothing and SCBA

Any students absent on the first day will be dropped from the roster

lunches will be provided

FIREFIGHTER II

Course fee: \$850.00

This program is designed to prepare the student for competencies established by the NFPA 1001 "Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications" 2012 edition

Prerequisites: Students enrolling must be certified Firefighter I.

Students must attend all sessions and complete all assignments to qualify to take the state exam. The exam will consist of a practical skills assessment followed by a cognitive written exam. The Commission on Fire Prevention and Control, Office of Certification will conduct all examinations. Fees for all examinations are included in the registration fee and include State of Connecticut and National Certification fees.

The IFSTA "Essentials of Fire Fighting" (6th Edition) will be the primary reference textbook for this course and will be provided to each student.

This program requires hands-on training along with classroom instruction. Full protective clothing including SCBA with one spare cylinder is required each day of class.

This course will be held on Saturdays and Sundays, March 26; April 8, 9, 22, 23, 29; May 13, 20, 27, 28; June 3, 10, 2017 (from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. each day)

Students must report the first day of class with full protective clothing and SCBA

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Eastern Connecticut Fire School
2017 SPRING CLASS 2017
APPLICATION

NAME _____ ID Number _____ - _____
Your ID Consists of the First (3) Letters of your last name and Last (4) numbers of your Social Security Number
Example: John Adams - SS # 000-00-5555 the ID # will be ADA-5555

HOME ADDRESS _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

MAILING ADDRESS (if different from above) _____

TOWN _____ ZIP _____ FIRE DEPT. or EMERG. AGENCY _____

HOME PHONE # _____ CELL PHONE # _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

COURSE TITLE _____

As Chief of the _____ (Emergency Services Organization), I hereby authorize the above applicant to participate in the above course(s) and therefore, understand that the above mentioned member will be covered by my department's Workers' Compensation Insurance while participating in such training and that the Eastern Connecticut Fire School and Commission on Fire Prevention and Control, their Commissioners, Officers, Agents, or Employees shall not be liable for any injuries sustained during such training. **This applicant is considered by my department's standards to be physically and emotionally fit to perform firefighting evolutions without special considerations, and to meet the CFR 29 Part 1910.134 standards for the use of respirators (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus).**

Notice:

Applicants must be at least 18 years old before the start of class.

Students will not be allowed to participate in evolutions involving SCBA if facial hair is present.

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

Chief's Signature

Date

Emergency contact information (please print):

Chief's name _____ Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Return to: Eastern Connecticut Fire School, 242 Spring Hill Rd, Storrs, CT 06268

**** NO REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT COURSE FEE OR PURCHASE ORDER. ****
REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS
ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NOT LATER THAN SEVEN DAYS BEFORE CLASS START
CONFIRMATIONS WILL BE SENT
REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES LUNCH EXPENSES FOR ALL CLASSES

FAX 888-543-7449 (Faxed applications will only be accepted if accompanied by a purchase order)