



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

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- 1. CFA Seminar on Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup> – Running as Scheduled**

The Modern Fire Attack Seminar on Feb. 9th at the Connecticut Fire Academy campus will run as scheduled. Start time has been moved to **9:00am**. Weather forecasts are calling for snow Wednesday into Thursday afternoon. We do have limited dorm room space available on Wednesday & Thursday on a first come, first serve basis. In-state cost is \$15.00, out-of-state cost is \$25.00. To reserve a dorm room contact Kara Ouellette at 860-264-9231.

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- 2. Middlesex County Fire Chiefs Association February Meeting**

The regular monthly meeting of the Middlesex County Fire Chiefs Association, Inc. will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at the South District Fire Department beginning at 19:00 hours.

Burt Hale, Secretary

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- 3. FY2016 SAFER Application Period Closes Friday, February 20, 2017**

**COMPLETE & SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION: THE FY 2016 STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) APPLICATION PERIOD CLOSSES THIS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017 AT 5:00 P.M. EASTERN TIME**

There is still plenty of time to complete and submit your FY 2016 SAFER application. The application period will close this **Friday, February 10, 2017. Applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m.**

**Eastern Time.** Make every effort to submit your application early as no exceptions will be made for submissions after **5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.**

**Complete and submit your application TODAY at <https://portal.fema.gov/famsVuWeb/home>**

Utilize all of the available application resources below:

### **FY 2016 SAFER Application Assistance Tools**

- \* Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
- \* Application Checklist
  - o This checklist will help you prepare your SAFER grant application
- \* Self-Evaluation – Hiring of Firefighters
  - o Career, combination, and volunteer fire departments
- \* Self-Evaluation - Recruitment and Retention - Fire Departments
  - o Combination and volunteer fire departments
- \* Self-Evaluation - Recruitment and Retention – Interest Organizations
  - o National, State, Local, or Tribal Volunteer Firefighters Interest Organizations
- \* FY 2016 SAFER Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- \* Economic Hardship Waiver Information

### **APPLICATION REVIEW CHECKLIST**

**\*Applications cannot be edited once submitted\***

\*Proofread your application: Mistakes or errors on your SAFER application can disqualify your organization for grant award consideration.

\*If you included any "filler" or placeholder text while filling out your application, update the application fields with your final and complete answers

\*Do the sequences of your sentences and paragraphs present clear thoughts and ideas?

\*Does your narrative explain your organizations needs in a way that someone would easily understand?

\*Check the quantities and costs for all budgeted line items that you are requesting and confirm that there are no discrepancies between the Request Details section of the application and the Narrative. Ensure that you have included costs for all items and/or activities that are needed to implement your grant, if awarded.

\*Have all application fields, or questions, been answered?

\*Make sure that you have described your organization's needs in your voice, do not use boilerplate language or copy from vendors, manufacturers, etc.

\*Ask a colleague who is not involved with the actual writing of the grant to proofread your application.

\*Make sure that all facts and figures are accurate throughout the entire application.

### **SUBMITTING PREPARER INFORMATION**

FEMA requires that all applicants disclose the name, address and contact information of the person or organization, to include contracted grant writers, who are responsible for preparing the SAFER application. Please ensure that this information is accurate at the time of submission. As a reminder, all applicants must attest that all information contained within the application, including preparer information, must be true, complete and accurate to the best of your knowledge. If you contract with a grant writer, and they either refuse, or provide advice to not list them in the preparer information section of the application, please notify the SAFER program office.

### **HAVE LAST-MINUTE QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS?**

If you have last-minute questions about applying for a SAFER grant, or are having technical problems with the electronic application, call the Help Desk at 1-866-274-0960 or send an e-mail to [firegrants@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:firegrants@fema.dhs.gov). The Help Desk staff will be on hand to help applicants through the end of the application period.

**\*Having computer or technical problems?** Problems such as expired passwords, technical malfunctions, or loss of internet access, will not be accepted as excuses for late submissions. If you are having a problem submitting your application, you must report the problem to the Help Desk before the application deadline of Friday, February 10, 2017 at 5 p.m. ET.

**\*Formal submission of the completed application is required.** Many applications appear to be nearly complete or are 100 percent complete but have not been submitted formally into the electronic eGrant application system. No application will be processed automatically or considered for funding unless the applicant properly submits the request and receives a subsequent e-mail confirmation.

**\*No confirmation e-mail received?** If you have submitted your application but not yet received an e-mail confirmation in your eGrant application mailbox, contact the Help Desk at once at 1-866-274-0960. All applicants should receive an e-mail confirmation to document their submissions.

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#### **4. Forging New Relationships: *What These Words Can Mean To The Fire Service***

Each year, the Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) selects a theme for the annual National Fire and Emergency Services Symposium and Dinner Program. By doing so, we attempt to deliver an important message to our attendees - and for that matter the entire fire service - about CFSI's mission in Washington, DC and how you, as fire service leaders, can contribute to our efforts. The theme for this year's program is "Forging New Relationships" and in the next few paragraphs I'll explain why we selected it.

As you know, we have a new Administration which means a lot of new faces - over 4,000 in fact by the time the Trump Administration completes the transition. This includes the cabinet secretaries, the White House staff and many important deputies within every federal agency. The only political position at the United States Fire Administration is the Fire Administrator. As of January 20th, Dr. Denis Onieal holds the title of Acting Administrator and will remain in this position until the President appoints a full-time Administrator.

Many changes also occurred on Capitol Hill as a result of the November elections. There were 55 newly elected members in the House of Representatives and seven in the US Senate. While the Republicans retained control in both chambers, there were important changes in the committee leadership assignments. Whether it was due to retirements, defeats or term limitations for committee chairmanships, many of the committees now have new chairpersons and ranking members.

Change is part of the political system in Washington, DC - whether in the Administration or Congress. Those who can adapt to the changes the fastest have much to gain. This explains why we selected "Forging New Relationships" as our theme -- and it's why you need to consider attending the National Fire and Emergency Services Symposium and Dinner Program.

2017 is going to be a challenging year for the fire service on Capitol Hill. As many of you know, the Assistance to Firefighters and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant program will expire

at the end of the year unless Congress can reauthorize both programs. As important as this issue is, we have others to consider. Funding for the United States Fire Administration is of paramount concern. We cannot expect "our" federal agency to perform its four core missions - data collection, training, public education, and research - without the proper financial resources. While Congress has authorized funding for the agency at \$76.4 million, the agency receives a far less amount -- \$44 million in Fiscal Year 2016.

Complacency in Washington, DC puts you at the back of the line for federal dollars. With pressure mounting to curb federal spending, it's incumbent of the fire service to work collectively to engage our elected representatives in discussions about supporting federal fire service programs. The fire service can exert pressure on our lawmakers by converging on Washington, DC for the annual National Fire and Emergency Services Symposium and Dinner on April 5th and 6th. Having fire service leaders walking through the halls of the congressional office buildings and engaging their elected representatives in discussions about our issues can have a resounding impact on our work - work that benefits all fire and emergency services personnel.

Quite often we are asked by members of the fire service how they can get involved in our mission. Well, here's your opportunity. Please visit our website at [www.cfsi.org](http://www.cfsi.org) to learn more about our program in April. Join over 2,000 of your fire service colleagues as they forge new relationships and strengthen existing relationships with their federal representatives. By becoming involved, you can help make a difference for our nation's fire and emergency services.

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## **5. Connecticut Fire Marshals Association Annual Conference**

The CFMA Annual Conference will be held on March 27 & 28, 2017, at Eversource 107 Selden Street in Berlin, CT. OEDM has approved 13.5 CEUs for participation in the two-day event; 6.5 CEUs on Monday, March 27 and 7 CEUs on Tuesday, March 28. For more information and to register, see the attached brochure for additional information and registration.

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## **6. NFA Leadership I for Fire and EMS**

Spaces still open for NFA Leadership I for Fire and EMS:

This two-day course presents the Company Officer (CO) with the basic leadership skills and tools needed to perform effectively in the fire service environment. The course includes techniques and approaches to problem-solving, ways to identify and assess the needs of the CO's subordinates, methods for running meetings effectively in the fire service environment, and decision-making skills for the CO.

Course dates are March 23 & 24, held at the Connecticut Fire Academy. Course fee is \$60.00. #17330

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

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**7. Save-the-Date NEDIAFC**

NEDIAFC Annual Meeting and Education Seminar, March 23-24, 2017 NFPA Headquarters, Quincy MA. Please see attached for more info.

**PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS EMAIL**

## **“Electrical Safety”**

**Warren Rodgers,  
Safety Supervisor Eversource**

### **Program Description**

This program will cover electrical safety for the Fire Investigators and First Responders.

## **“Updates on the Hoarding Task Force and the State Health Improvement Plan: CT's focus on increased code enforcement for greater community health and safety”**

**Judith R. Dicine  
Supervisory Assistant State's Attorney**

### **Program Description**

This presentation will review where we are with the Hoarding Task Force and enforcement.

Judith R. Dicine is the Supervisory Prosecuting Attorney for Housing Matters for the State of Connecticut, Division of Criminal Justice, Office of the Chief States Attorney. Housing Matters includes criminal prosecution of violations of state and municipal fire, building, health and related safety laws as well as landlord-tenant disputes.

## **“Incendiary Fire Case Study...from Scene to Stand”**

**Det. Richard Gregory  
CSP – Fire & Explosion Investigation  
Unit**

### **Program Description**

This presentation will review a lessons learned from recent fire investigations the unit has been involved with.

Detective Richard Gregory is with the Connecticut State Police in the Fire & Explosion Investigation Unit.

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## **Connecticut Fire Marshals Association**



**Annual Conference  
March 27-28, 2017**

**EVERSOURCE**

**107 Selden Street, Berlin, CT**

**13.5 CT Credit Hours  
(6.5 for March 28 only)  
(7 for March 29 only)**

## "Means of Egress in the International Fire Code"

Robert Neale, ICC

### Program Description

This presentation will review the parts of the means of egress found in Chapter 10 of the IFC.

Rob currently serves as the ICC as Vice President for Government Relations: National Fire Service Activities. In 2015, Rob retired as Deputy Superintendent for the US Fire Administration National Fire Academy. Prior to that, he managed the National Fire Academy's Technical Fire Prevention curriculum.

## "Fire Origin Pattern Persistence"

Chad Campanell

Senior Special Agent, ATF

### Program Description

This presentation will review the experiments conducted to determine whether a small fuel package could reliably product identifiable fire patterns on gypsum wallboards that could persist through post-flashover burning

Senior Special Agent Chad D. Campanell has worked for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) for the past 16 years. He has completed ATF's rigorous, 2-year Certified Fire Investigator Candidate program and is tasked with investigating fires of Federal Interest in Washington, DC and Northern, VA.

A Special thank you to

# EVERSOURCE

for this program and the use  
of their facility for the conference

## Conference Program

### *Monday March 27, 2017*

- 8:00 am Registration
- 8:30 am "Electrical Safety"  
Warren Rodgers, Eversource
- 10:00 am Hoarding Task Force Update  
Judith Dicine, CAG
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 12:30 pm Association Meeting and Elections
- 1:00 pm "Incendiary Fire Case Study...from  
Scene to Stand"  
Richard Gregory, CSP
- 4:00 pm Vendor Presentations
- 4:30 pm End of Day One

### *Tuesday March 28, 2017*

- 8:00 am Registration
- 8:30 am Legislation Update:  
Nicole Griffin from Levin, Powers &  
Brennan
- 8:45 am Comments by our Representatives  
from the Public Safety Committee
- 9:00 am "Means of Egress in the International  
Fire Code"  
Robert Neale, ICC
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 12:30 pm "Fire Origin Pattern Persistence"  
Chad Campanell, ATF
- 4:30 pm **End of Conference**

**Presentations will be posted on the  
CFMA website prior to the conference.**

## Registration CFMA 2017 Conference

**NOTE: MAXIMUM 120 People**

Sign up for:	Price	
	By 3/1	After 3/1
<input type="checkbox"/> Two Day Conference	<b>\$260.00</b>	<b>\$275.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> March 27, 2017 Only	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$215.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> March 28, 2017 Only	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$215.00</b>
	Total: _____	

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment

Check

Municipal Purchase Order

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Number must accompany registration)*

Make checks payable to CFMA. Send registration and payment to the address below. *Payment must accompany this registration form.* Please use one form for each attendee. **Registration deadline is Friday March 17, 2017.** No registrations or walk-ins accepted after the registration deadline. CFMA reserves the right to cancel the seminar due to low attendance. No refunds within 20 days of the conference, substitution will be permitted. Program may change without notice. Breakfast, breaks and lunches are for attendees only.

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# Save the Date

## **NEDIAFC Annual Meeting and Educational Seminars**

**March 23-24, 2017  
NFPA Headquarters—Quincy, MA**

### **Thursday, 3/23**

Boston Fire Commissioner Joseph Finn will present lessons learned at the Back Bay Fire. He will also do a presentation on Prevention and Awareness of Cancer in the Fire Service.

### **Friday, 3/24**

Orlando Fire Chief Roderick Williams and Orange County Fire Chief Otto Drozd will present lessons learned at the Pulse Night Club Shooting in Orlando.

**Lodging available at Boston Marriott Quincy**





