



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

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1. **CFA Seminar Thursday February 9, 2017 Canceled**

The seminar for tomorrow on Modern Fire Attack has been CANCELED. This decision is based upon the most recent weather reports and information regarding the winter storm.

Both the morning and evening commutes are expected to have moderate to major impacts. We felt that with this information it was advisable to cancel, the safety of our attendees and instructor is our primary concern.

Chief Van Dorpe will be rescheduling the seminar, most likely in April or May.

2. **CGA Public Safety & Security Committee Public Hearing Cancelled for Thursday**

Public Hearings for the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Security scheduled at the LOB for Thursday have been cancelled due to weather. Legislative proposals scheduled to be heard include:

- S.B. No. 763 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR POLICE OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS WITH POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER;
- H.B. No. 5176 (COMM) AN ACT INCREASING THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR LOCAL VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICE PERSONNEL.
- Proposed H.B. No. 5177 AN ACT INCORPORATING THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE INTO THE STATE BUILDING CODE.
- Proposed H.B. No. 5296 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OR DELIVERY OF BODY ARMOR TO FIREFIGHTERS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL.
- H.B. No. 6038 (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING GOOD SAMARITAN PROTECTIONS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS WHO RENDER EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO ANIMALS.

- H.B. No. 6715 (COMM) AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR THE INTENTIONAL INJURY OR KILLING OF POLICE ANIMALS OR DOGS IN VOLUNTEER CANINE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAMS.

We will post the date and times for the re-scheduled Public Hearings for these bill as soon as that info become available. **With the delay in the hearing date, this now provides you with additional time to submit written testimony on proposals of interest to you!**

Please email written testimony in Word or PDF format to PStestimony@cga.ct.gov. The Committee requests that testimony be limited to matters related to the items on the Agenda. The first hour of the hearing is reserved for Legislators, State Agency Heads and Chief Elected Municipal Officials. Speakers will be limited to three minutes of testimony. The Committee encourages witnesses to submit a written statement and to condense oral testimony to a summary of that statement. Unofficial sign-up sheets have no standing with the Committee. All public hearing testimony, written and spoken, is public information. As such, it will be made available on the CGA website and indexed by internet search engines.

3. DESPP-DEMHS Winter Storm Update

As colder air moves into our area tonight a low pressure system is forecast to form along the cold front in Virginia. This low is forecast to move quickly to the Northeast as the storm intensifies Thursday morning off the Del-Mar-Va Peninsula. The storm is forecast to generate a large area of moderate to heavy snow which will impact southern and central New England on Thursday. The following forecast is based on a blend of the GFS and NAM models and currently has a good confidence level:

Tonight: Becoming cloudy with temperatures dropping into the mid 30's. Snow is expected to move into the state between 5:00 - 7:00 AM Thursday morning. The snow is expected to become moderate within 2 hours of starting. Temperatures continuing to fall into the low 30's by daybreak.

Thursday Morning Rush Hour: Moderate snow becoming heavy at times with 2+ inches of snow on roads and snowfall rates of 1" - 2" inches per hour by 9:00 AM. The impact on the morning rush hour is expected to start as moderate and become major by the end of the rush hour. Very slick driving conditions are expected with low visibilities down to ¼ mile at times. The snow is expected to continue heavy at times thru the morning with temperatures continuing to fall into the upper 20's by noon.

Thursday Afternoon: Snow tapering off during the early afternoon and ending by 4:00 PM. Some blowing and drifting of the snow is expected with north winds increasing to 20 - 30 MPH. The impact on the afternoon rush hour is expected to be moderate with some snow cover remaining on most roads and temperatures in the upper 20's.

Total accumulations are currently forecast to range from 8" - 14" statewide with isolated higher amounts. The snow is expected to be dryer in northern and central CT and somewhat wetter in southern CT. No icing or significant coastal flooding is expected with this storm. The overall impact of this event is expected to be moderate to major.

4. Sizing Up Firefighter Suicide – Free Webinar

Join Lexipol with highly respected FDNY Captain Frank Leto (FDNY Counseling Unit) and Safe Call Now Founder Sean Riley for an open and honest look at Firefighter suicide and what each of us can do to reduce the number of firefighters who take their own lives. The free webinar is scheduled for **Thursday, February 23, 2016 1300 - 1400 hrs EST**

Firefighters are three times more likely to die from suicide than in the line of duty. Yet many departments fail to provide training and resources to help firefighters and officers mitigate the emotional toll of a career in emergency services and recognize warning signs that may point to firefighters being in trouble.

You'll learn:

- What we know-and don't know-about the rates of firefighter suicide
- Factors contributing to firefighter mental and emotional health issues
- Specific roles and responsibilities for you, the firefighters, company officers, chief officers and retirees in the fight to reduce Firefighter suicide

Presented by:

Capt. Frank Leto, FDNY (FDNY Firefighter Counseling Unit)

Sean Riley, Founder/President, Safe Call Now <https://www.safecallnow.org/>

Following the webinar, the presenters will answer your questions live.

REGISTER NOW: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4247810721300096002>

5. February EMT-R at Code One

Code One is celebrating its 10th Birthday this month. To commemorate this we are providing a 10% discount on all courses including EMT Refreshers, ACLS, and BLS courses. Like our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CodeOneTraining to get the discount code. Thank you for an amazing 10 years and many more to come!!

6. February 2017 EMT Refresher Course at Code One

East Hartford:

February 16, 2017 to February 19, 2017

****No Online Component Required****

Thursday & Friday - 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM

Saturday & Sunday - 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Course details at www.ct-ems.com

7. Norwalk Paramedic Dennis Finneran Needs Support

One of our medics in Norwalk had to go for unexpected open heart surgery for a valve replacement. During surgery there were lots of complications and he's not doing well. He is married and has 4 kids. The cost of the operation/being in the hospital is getting very expensive. So we are raising money for him. So far we made a go fund me page for him. If you could share it with the company, any donation would be would be greatly appreciated.

<https://www.gofundme.com/dennis-finneran-support-fund>

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