



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

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1. 2017 CFA Seminar Series in March – Leading With Attitude – **Sign Up Now**

**Speaker:** Eddie Buchanan, Hanover Fire & EMS  
**Course #s:** March 24th (17343) or March 25th (17351)  
**Course Fee:** \$65.00

**Course Description:**

This program will explore how we, as individuals, can help ensure our departments are on track and ways we can truly make a difference in our organization, regardless of rank.

It's easy to complain about the job, but what can you really do about it! What can you do about others who don't love it like you do? This program offers a rankless "gut check" into how we each contribute to the success of the fire service. Concepts such as loyalty alignment, followership, and attitude are explored in detail and tangible techniques to facilitate change are offered.

**Instructor Biography:**

Eddie Buchanan began his fire service career in 1982 and is an assistant chief with Hanover Fire & EMS in Richmond, VA. He is a past president of the International Society of Fire Service Instructors and is the 2015 recipient of the George D. Post, Instructor of the Year Award from the ISFSI. He serves on the NFPA Technical Committee on Fire Service Training and the newly formed NFPA 1700 Committee. He is a past board member of the Volunteer/Combination Officer's Section of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and serves on a variety of advisory boards and committees for the fire service industry. Chief Buchanan is known for the creation of the SLICE-RS concept that is part of the ISFSI Principles of Modern Fire Attack Program.

For more info: <http://www.ct.gov/cfpc/cwp/view.asp?Q=590414&A=833>

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## 2. 2017 Introduction to the Fire Service at the Connecticut Fire Academy - **Deadline 4/1/17**

Applications for the 2017 Introduction to the Fire Service at the Connecticut Fire Academy are now available on the CFPC website <http://www.ct.gov/cfpc>. Introduction to the Fire Service applications must be returned by April 1, 2017.

There is also information on the webpage regarding the Introduction to the Fire Service Junior Counselors Program. These forms detail the procedure for graduates of past years ITTFS classes and graduates of the Advanced Skills and Concepts (ASAC) class to apply for an interview to be considered for a possible Junior Counselor position. Those applications must be returned by March 24, 2017.

Additional information on these programs can be found at:  
<http://www.ct.gov/cfpc/cwp/view.asp?Q=516050&A=832>

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## 3. BBP/ABP Train the Trainer

Safety Priority will present OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens Train the Trainer and TB/Airborne Pathogens Train the Trainer on Friday May 19 at Trumbull Police Department, and on Saturday May 20 at Seymour Ambulance. For info or to register call 1-800-809-0059 or see attached.

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## 4. NVFD Annual Pasta Dinner

Back by popular demand, Newington's West Hill Fire Company (or Company #3) welcomes you to its 8<sup>th</sup> annual pasta Dinner at Newington High School on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 from 4-8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and children ages 5-12. Children under 5 eat for free.

Purchase your tickets in advance by dialing (203) 537-3256 or purchase your tickets at the door.

The Pasta Dinner is one of several fundraisers each year to benefit Company 3. Now in its eighth year, the Pasta Dinner is a huge success. We served over 350 guests last year alone! Proceeds from the Pasta Dinner and other Company #3 fundraisers are used towards standby meals, items needed for the firehouse, public education events, and other needs for Company 3 in its mission to serve the local community.

Come out and support Newington's Bravest.

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## 5. American Military University March Webinar: Building a Peer-Support Team

This **March**, American Military University is offering a webinar at **no cost** to public safety professionals, emergency planners, and first responders:

[Benefits and Challenges of Implementing a Peer-Support Team](#)

**Tuesday, March 28 from 1-2 p.m. EST**

Join AMU for a complimentary 60-minute block of instruction on the benefits and challenges of building a peer-support team for firefighters. The stresses faced by fire service members throughout the course of their careers — traumatic incidents involving children, violence, and other inherent dangers of the job — can have a cumulative impact on firefighters' mental health and well-being. Learn about the challenges leaders face in implementing a peer team as well as the benefits such a program has on the mental wellness of employees.

Instructor: **Todd Lomento**, a 23-year member of the East Hartford (CT) Fire Department currently serving as the Chief Medical Officer and Peer Coordinator.

**[Learn more and register now](#)**

(If this link does not work, copy and paste this URL into your browser:

<http://www.amuonline.com/ESwebinars>)

Thank you for your interest and we look forward to seeing you at the webinar!

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**6. 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.

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**7. Firefighter Near Miss Report of the Week**

**One Incident - Four Perspectives**

**Summary**

A recruit is forced to back out of a live-fire burn chamber when his regulator dislodged from his facepiece. This report presents in four firsthand versions from different perspectives and experience levels. Though the near miss is the same event, the lessons learned from each reporter shares a different message.

**Event Description**

The report this week involves a firefighter participating in a live-fire training exercise at a training facility. The burn building is a three-story metal training prop, with the training fire on the first floor.

This participant was a recruit in the second week of training. After entering the burn chamber, he smelled smoke and heard a rush of air purge from the loose regulator. He recognized the regulator had disconnected from the facepiece, informed the officer leading the exercise and left the burn chamber.

View the Reports: Regulator Not Seated During Live Fire Training

[Report #1](#)

[Report #2](#)

[Report #3](#)

[Report #4](#)

### **Take-Aways**

Four people submitted reports for this one near miss. In each report, the firefighter's account of the event leading up to the near miss is consistent, but the lessons learned for each reporter have interesting variations. Reports for this incident include lessons shared from the firefighter involved, the IC for the training event, an officer assisting with the drill and the training officer paired with the incident subject.

Report #1 identified that the recruit had not fully connected the regulator. This push-to-connect type of regulator was identified in this report as having failed previously in the same manner and should be tugged on after connecting to ensure it's fully seated into the mask.

The IC/safety officer submitted report #2. Echoing the need for secure connection with the facepiece, he also stressed the need for better accountability practices, particularly when multiple personnel are not working in close proximity to each other. Confusion occurred when the affected firefighter attempted to leave the burn chamber but found egress blocked by other department members. The report indicated each crew had a difficult time determining par when the groups were close together.

The firefighter experiencing the near miss initiated report #3. The lessons learned for this recruit was that the regulator "has a tendency to fall out sometimes if it is not pushed in all the way." He also stated that before entering, they buddy-checked each other before going on air. The lesson was to double-check before entering.

Report #4 stressed the importance of detailed SCBA checks. After the incident concluded, this reporter identified that the mask had a broken clip that prevented the regulator from remaining seated with the facepiece. The entire SCBA was removed for repair. Thorough checks before each use were reinforced for crewmembers.

### **Discussion**

- As a group, discuss what you know about SCBA that you always share with new employees.
- If you had to select one condition to watch for with SCBA, what would that be?
- In noticing that each person's role during the training creates a different lesson learned, which lesson do you identify with the most? Why?
- What did you see in these reports that you have questions about?

Review your written policy on SCBAs. Do any of your departmental policies reflect any of these shared lessons?

### **Leading Practices**

Each of these reports identified contributing factors for this event. Human error is a selection in each report. The reports also mention training issues, equipment issues and individual action.

The author from report #1 also identified the contributing causes for this near miss were complacency and inexperience with the equipment. The author's role in this report is anonymous. The firefighter in the report is a recruit in just the second week of training. I expect a recruit to be inexperienced with the equipment. How would you characterize complacency and inexperience in this event?

This report also noted that this wasn't the first time this had happened in this department. Double-checking and tugging on the regulator ensure proper seating of the facepiece before entering an IDLH environment.

It should also be stressed that looking for damage to equipment is crucial during daily checks. Perhaps looking for an engineering control measure could resolve this identified problem.

Overcoming known equipment issues is a responsibility we can't take lightly.

**Related Near Miss Reports**

- [Regulator Knocked Off During Live Fire Training](#)
- [Training Academy Experiences Numerous SCBA Face Pieces Crazed](#)
- [Training Fire Near Flashover Conditions](#)

**Additional Resources**

- [Scott E Z Flo Safety Notice \(PDF\)](#)
- [MSA SCBA Quick Connect Adapter Safety Notice \(PDF\)](#)
- [USFA Technical Report Series Special Report: Prevention of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Failures \(PDF\)](#)
- [Firerescue1.com Article: SCBA Failure May Have Caused Oklahoma Firefighter's Injuries](#)

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Seminar Host	Bloodborne Pathogens	TB & Airborne Pathogens
Trumbull Police Dept. Trumbull, CT	Fri., May 19, 2017 0830 – 1200	Fri., May 19, 2017 1300 – 1630
Seymour Ambulance Seymour, CT	Sat., May 20, 2017 0830 – 1200	Sat., May 20, 2017 1300 – 1630

Info & registration form on-line at [www.safetypriority.com/training.html](http://www.safetypriority.com/training.html)

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