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1. Middlesex County Fire Chiefs Association May Meeting Notice

The Middlesex County Fire Chiefs Association Inc. regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday May 11, 2016 at the Middlefield Fire Department beginning at 19:00 hours.

2. Naloxone (NARCAN) Training Session Hosted by POST

TUITION: No Cost

COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Police Officer Standards and Training Council's Field Services Training Division is hosting two (2) Naloxone (NARCAN) Training Sessions for law enforcement personnel. **[PROGRAM OPENED TO FIRE SERVICE PERSONNEL]** The schedule is as follows: (Indicate the session on registration form)

Session #1 – Friday, May 13, 2016 –1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. Session #2 - Wednesday, May 18, 2016 - 1:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

These training sessions will be conducted at the Connecticut Police Academy, 285 Preston Ave. Meriden, CT. The purpose of these training sessions is to provide law enforcement personnel with the knowledge and tools regarding the administration of Intra-Nasal Naloxone. Instruction will be provided by:

Susan Wolfe, Ph.D. is a licensed Clinical Psychologist who has worked at DMHAS for 29 years, primarily in the field of Addiction treatment. She previously served as the Division Director for the Addiction Services Division of Connecticut Valley Hospital at both the Middletown and Blue Hills Campuses. For the past two years she has worked in the Commissioner's Office on coordination of the Block Grant and on special projects, including Narcan.

Jeff Holland has been an EMT for over 12 years and has over 30 years experience addressing local community public health initiatives. He was also a member of a regional team that developed and piloted the medication drop box program, which are now in over 45 CT communities. Presently, he is a member of a statewide Opioid Overdose Prevention Task Force focused on increasing access to an availability of Narcan.

Each Session will conclude with the opportunity to practice assembling the Intra-Nasal Naloxone device and with a review of respiratory assistance provided to the subject.

The classes are limited to 30 per session.

Please complete the <u>registration</u> form located on our website at <u>www.ct.gov/post</u> and forward to the attention of Barbara Fullenwiley by email at <u>Barbara.fullenwiley@ct.gov</u> or fax to (203) 238-6119. The deadline date to register is **Tuesday, May 3, 2016** [REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED-YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER]. If you have any questions, please contact Susan E. Rainville, Director at 203-427-2621.

Attendees who complete the training program will be eligible for Review Training Credit as follows: Curriculum Area III: Practical Skills, 1 hour.

There is no tuition for this course. Coffee break refreshments are available at the Academy for a small fee. The uniform dress code for POSTC In-Service Training (<u>POSTC General Notice 90-03</u>) will be in effect.

COURSE REGISTRATION FORM

3. June Fire School 2016 – <mark>6 Classes Now Full</mark> – Get your Applications in Today

Engine Company Operations # 16414 Full Forcible Entry # 16422 Full Scott Air Pack # 16461 Full Rescue Skills # 16432 Full Truck Work # 16450 Full

The application period for June School 2016 is now open and available on our web site <u>http://www.ct.gov/cfpc/cwp/view.asp?Q=579498&A=832</u>. This annual event will run from June 6th-11th on the main campus of the Connecticut Fire Academy. New class offerings this year are Active Assailant Response, Bomb Squad Outreach, and Fire Dynamics and the Fire Ground. As with each year it is our priority to exceed expectations for quality, value, and customer satisfaction. Applications are due on May 26th. Class registration is first come, first serve until a course is filled. Revised application is also attached.

For further information on specific classes or other June School related questions, please contact Program Manager Jason Decremer at 860-264-9242 or jason.decremer@ct.gov

4. Plan Now to Participate in the Safety Stand Down – June 19-25

The International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) have announced the theme for the 2016 Safety Stand Down: "The First 5 Minutes – Stretching the Initial Hose Line, Putting Water on the Fire." This year's theme focuses on what each member of the department should be doing in the first five minutes of structural fire response, including the Chief, Incident Commander, Company Officer, and Firefighter.

The 2016 event will take place from June 19-25. Fire departments are encouraged to suspend all nonemergency activity during Safety Stand Down in order to focus on training and education related to this year's theme. An entire week is provided to ensure all shifts and duty crew can participate.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, 64 firefighters died in 2014 while on duty in the U.S. This was a significant decrease from the 97 deaths that occurred in 2013, when three incidents alone claimed 32 lives. The largest share of deaths (22) occurred at fire scenes. As in most years, sudden cardiac death accounted for the largest share of the on-duty deaths (36). In 2014, 63,350 firefighter injuries were reported. Of these, 27,015 were injuries at the fireground. Safety Stand Down is coordinated by the NVFC and the IAFC Safety, Health and Survival Section. It is supported by national and international fire and emergency service organizations as well as health and safety-related organizations and agencies.

Training Safety Topics are provided to ensure each shift and duty crew can spend quality time reviewing the topic and make it an actionable training event. Resources are available to help fire departments plan and execute local training and activities. Resources include the NVFC's B.E.S.T. Practices for Firefighter Health and Safety and the IAFC's Rules of Engagement for Firefighter Survival and the Incident Commander's Rules of Engagement for Firefighter Safety. Specific training drills and messaging to implement during the week will be available soon.

Originally called International Fire/EMS Safety and Health Week, Safety Stand Down is the unification of the IAFC's Fire/EMS Safety, Health and Survival Week with the NVFC's National Firefighter Health Week. Safety Stand Down focuses on the critical importance of responders taking care of themselves both on and off the emergency incident scene. The week is designed to increase awareness and action so that safety and health become a priority in all fire departments. The name was changed to Safety Stand Down in 2016 to emphasize that all departments should focus on safety training during the week.

Learn more at www.SafetyStandDown.org.

5. Fire Service-Based EMS Advocates Recognize National EMS Week

Sunday, May 15, 2016 marks the beginning of National EMS Week and presents an opportunity to honor the men and women who deliver pre-hospital 9-1-1 emergency medical care throughout the United States. This vital public safety service is provided primarily by cross-trained, multi-role emergency responders who are based in our nation's fire departments.

The fire service has a rich history of protecting the health and safety of our communities through an 'all hazards' response model that includes the delivery of pre-hospital 9-1-1 emergency medical care. Fire Service-Based EMS providers are trained, equipped and positioned to provide their communities with timely emergency medical care, and more recently, Integrated Community Health Care (ICHC) services as well. Firefighter/EMTs and paramedics respond quickly, professionally, skillfully, and compassionately in communities across the United States ...and they do it every day...24/7.

The Fire Service-Based EMS Advocates Coalition recognizes the life-saving contributions and achievements, as well as the dedication and commitment, of those who serve in Fire Service-Based EMS systems. National EMS Week is a time to pause and say "thank you" to the entire EMS Community, especially firefighter/EMTs and paramedics ...our nation's 'all hazards' response personnel.

Established in 2006, the Fire Service-Based EMS Advocates Coalition, based in Washington, DC, provides members of Congress and other government officials with information they need to effectively support Fire Service-Based EMS systems throughout the nation. For more information about the Fire Service-Based EMS Advocates and how to join the coalition, visit <u>www.fireserviceems.com</u>.

6. CSFA 9th Annual Hall of Fame Dinner – Save the Date

Please save the date for the 9th Annual Hall of Fame Dinner that will be held on Thursday, April 6, 2017 at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington, CT. A nomination form is attached and are due no later than November 1, 2016. For information visit <u>www.csfa.org</u> or call 860-423-5799.

7. Bystander CPR: Teach the World to Save Lives

As a proud 5-bugle sponsor of the IAFC, **American Medical Response** (**AMR**) would like to invite fire departments to participate in this year's World CPR Challenge, held May 18, 2016. The goal of the event is to train as many individuals in compression-only CPR (bystander CPR) as possible in one day.

To participate, all you need to do is to train members of the public to provide compression-only CPR, keep a count of those trained and report it via AMR's **reporting website**.

Last year's challenge resulted in 67,047 trained individuals in compression-only CPR. Let's work together to break that record in 2016!

For more information about how to get involved with AMR's World CPR Challenge, or conduct your own CPR training, **click here**.

8. The Hartford Fire Fighters' Survivor Fund Presents..."American Command"

May 27, 2016 9am to 4 pm

Retired Chief Bobby Halton – Editor in Chief of *Fire Engineering* Ej Mascaro – Firefighter, Veteran Retired Captain Mike Dugan – FDNY

"American Command" is a unique course presented by Chief Bobby Halton, Ej Mascaro and Retired Captain Mike Dugan that comprises all of the basics of command. Not command as a fireground function, but command as a way of life (core values, pride, leadership) for the American fire officer and firefighter. Learning how to counsel and the acquisition of advanced skills and knowledge in the art and science of firefighting. These are the basis of American Command.

In this interactive program, Chief Halton, Ej Mascaro and Mike Dugan will highlight:

- ➤ an overview of the command phenomena;
- ➤ an analysis of today's field issues;
- major trends within each topic,
- > potential research work and books on those specific topics and;
- > reflection and discussion regarding command issues in the American fire service.

Don't miss this opportunity to grow your skill set as a leader in the American fire service.

Hartford Hilton l 315 Trumbull Street l Hartford, CT

Tickets -- \$60 with proceeds to benefit the Hartford Firefighters' Survivor's Fund

For Tickets: Contact Rich Driscoll 860-209-1062 or <u>ten3@comcast.net</u> Peter Towey 860-805-0170 or <u>Ptowey@hartfordfire.org</u> HFFA Office 860-296-3523

9. CONN-OSHA Quarterly – May Edition

The May issue, Volume 84, of the CONN-OSHA Quarterly is now available and can be viewed at: http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/osha/Quarterly/coqtrly.htm

10. NIOSH Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program

Click on each title to view the full NIOSH report:

Career Fire Fighter Dies in Heavy Smoke on Second Floor of a Residential Structure – Texas

On July 9, 2014, a career fire fighter died while conducting interior operations in a two-story structure fire. While searching the second floor, the fire fighter became separated from his crew and was not able to exit with the crew. Rescuers heard a personal alert safety system alarm and located the missing fire fighter.

Battalion Chief Dies from Aortic Dissection after Physical Fitness Training – Missouri

On January 1, 2015, a career battalion chief worked a 24-hour shift with no emergency calls. On January 2, while off duty, he worked out at a gym. Later that evening, he went to an emergency department where musculoskeletal chest wall pain was diagnosed. He worked two subsequent 24-hour shifts on January 3 and 5 and assisted with dog training on January 7. Later that night, his wife could not awaken him and called 911.

Lieutenant and Fire Fighter Die and 13 Fire Fighters Injured in a Wind-driven Fire in a Brownstone -**Massachusetts**

On March 26, 2014, a career fire lieutenant and a fire fighter died during fire-fighting operations in a multifamily residential brownstone. The lieutenant and fire fighter took a hoseline into the basement, and heavy winds caused the fire to rapidly intensify. The lieutenant and fire fighter were overcome by the rapidly deteriorating fire conditions.

<u>Career Probationary Fire Fighter Runs Out of Air and Dies in Commercial Structure Fire – Michigan</u> On May 8, 2013, a career probationary fire fighter died after running out of air and being trapped by a roof collapse in a commercial strip mall fire. The fire fighter was one of three fire fighters who had stretched hoseline into the structure. The hose team exited the structure, and the fire fighter became separated from the crew members. A rapid intervention team was activated, but was unable to locate him before a flashover occurred, and the roof collapsed.

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