

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

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1. June School Classes with Seats Open on Monday the  $6^{th}$ 

AHA Healthcare Provider Refresher 8:30-12:00
Driving Training Simulator both am and pm sessions
Fire Dynamics and the Fireground
Photovoltaic Safety
Pre-Incident Planning
Rehabilitation and Medical Monitoring
Smoke Signals
Stress First Aid

The application period for June School 2016 is now open and available on our web site <a href="http://www.ct.gov/cfpc/cwp/view.as-p?Q=579498&A=832">http://www.ct.gov/cfpc/cwp/view.as-p?Q=579498&A=832</a>. This annual event will run from June 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup>. Class registration is first come, first serve until a course is filled.

For further information on specific classes or other June School related questions, please contact Program Manager Jason Decremer at 860-264-9242 or <a href="mailto:jason.decremer@ct.gov">jason.decremer@ct.gov</a>

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

#### Truck Work # 16450 Full

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#### 2. Rescue Technician Core

A few seats remain for Rescue Technician Core at Stones Ranch in East Lyme. CT Fire Academy Calendar Class # 16293 Starting June 11, 2016

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

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## 3. Should People Sleep with the Door Open or Closed to Best Protect Themselves in the Event of a Home Fire?

NFPA updates its educational messaging around sleeping with a door closed

Should you sleep with your bedroom door opened or closed? It's a straightforward question, but the answer isn't quite so clear-cut. Many variables, including where people sleep in their homes and the location of their smoke alarms, make it challenging to craft a one-size-fits-all answer.

In an effort to reflect the latest information, the <u>National Fire Protection Association's</u> (NFPA) <u>Educational Messages Advisory Committee</u> (EMAC) recently modified its messaging around sleeping with a door closed. Comprised of national, state, and local fire and life safety experts, EMAC meets periodically to review NFPA's fire safety education messages and provide recommendations for revising them in accordance with NFPA's codes, standards and related criteria, where applicable.

The <u>updated message for sleeping with the door closed</u> states, "A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire. Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. For the best protection, make sure all smoke alarms are interconnected." Previous messaging stated that if you sleep with the bedroom door closed, to install smoke alarms inside and outside the bedroom, and for the best protection, to make sure all smoke alarms are interconnected.

"NFPA and others have long acknowledged that closing a door can impact the spread of fire, but the primary message has been and continues to be to make sure you have working smoke alarms in your home, giving you early warning of a fire," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy.

According to Carli, new research shows that fires burn faster today as a result of the way newer homes are built and the contents in homes. This led the committee to re-examine messaging around sleeping with doors closed.

"While there are so many variables to where a fire starts and how it spreads, anything that can potentially give you more time to get out should be considered," said Carli, emphasizing that you may have as little as two minutes to escape a home fire, compared to seven to eight minutes years ago. "Today's furnishings and open floor plans create scenarios that burn much more quickly than previous structures and their contents."

The committee recommended additional research to look at other factors, such as whether or not a closed door could delay the early warning from a smoke alarm outside the sleeping room, and how a closed door will impact the rate of fatalities when the fire begins in the room where the door is closed.

"We are constantly reviewing our messages to make sure they reflect the latest knowledge in fire safety and we'll continue to do so," said Carli. "Given that the majority of fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms, we cannot stress enough the importance of making sure you have adequate protection from these life-saving devices."

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#### 4. Wolcott State Fire School Fall 2016 FF-2 Program

The Wolcott State Fire Training School is presenting a Firefighter 2 course beginning Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at their facility in Wolcott, CT. Class cost is \$650. See the attached flyer and registration form or visit <a href="www.wolcottfireschool.com">www.wolcottfireschool.com</a>. Questions may be directed to school Director Steve Veneziano, at <a href="wsfsdirector@aol.com">wsfsdirector@aol.com</a> or 203-592-0624.

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#### 5. One Innocent Life Newsletter Link – Beat the Heat 5K – June 18th

As you may have already heard, One Innocent Life is putting on Beat the Heat 5k - Family Friendly run | walk to continue our fundraising efforts and honor the lives of those lost due to fire related incidents. With this being a family-friendly event we will continue to advocate fire safety awareness through fun, family-friendly activities, live music, local food trucks, and our featured-event the 5k run | walk.

Newsletter link - <a href="http://eepurl.com/bZB9UT">http://eepurl.com/bZB9UT</a> - Please share with your (firefighters, colleagues, etc.). Whether you print it out and put it on your bulletin board or blast it through your email every effort is appreciated.

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#### 6. Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist II Course Date & Location Change Reminder

Please note, the CFA training calendar course Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist II has been rescheduled to May 17 & 18<sup>th</sup> and new class location is Southington Fire Headquarters 310 North Main Street in Southington. The original calendar date was May 25 & 26 at the CT Fire Academy.

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#### 7. CFPC/CFA Follow us on Twitter

For the latest fire service news and information follow the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection's Commission on Fire Prevention and Control – Connecticut Fire Academy on its official Twitter

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### 8. Windsor Vol FD Invites You to Join in the Wetdown of Tower 1

Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> Open House from 12pm – 2pm Wetdown Ceremony at 1pm. The Windsor Safety Complex, 340 Bloomfield Ave, Windsor, CT – Light refreshments will be serviced

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