



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

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1. **FirstNet Public Meeting Notice - May 25, 2016 - New Haven Public Library**

FirstNet Public Meeting Notice: Wednesday, May 25, 2016 from 4:00pm-8pm; New Haven Public Library, Ives Main Branch, 133 Elm Street, New Haven CT 06510

Subject: FirstNet Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement - East Region (Connecticut)

FirstNet is the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Wireless Network and will be designed to provide a secure high speed wireless broadband network dedicated to our First Responder community and support entities. The secure, resilient, “Public Safety Grade” system will operate on its own spectrum and both urban and rural areas are required to implement this initiative by the federal law which established the First Responder Network Authority. The FirstNet system gives State/Local entities the quality of service and control over priority and preemption if the network become over taxed.

This technology will support present and future uses, including but not limited to:

- o Access to building floor plans
- o Data
- o Public Safety Applications (to be developed)
- o Automated Vehicle Locators (AVL)
- o Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD)
- o Situational awareness and information sharing
- o Cellular on Wheels (COW) – mobile units for areas of limited coverage
- o Systems on Wheels (SOW) - mobile units for areas of limited coverage
- o Vehicle Network Systems (NVS) - mobile units for areas of limited coverage
- o Live streaming of high quality video from active incidents to command posts, emergency operation centers and patient care facilities

The purpose of this e-mail is to inform you of the Public Meeting to be held in CT to discuss the availability of the electronic copy of the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for the East region (CT, DE, DC, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT, VA, and WV).

The Draft PEIS analyzes potential impacts of the deployment and operation of the nationwide public safety broadband network (NPSBN) on the natural and human environment, in accordance with FirstNet's responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This will give you additional time to review and provide feedback in advance of the 60-day public comment period required by NEPA. The document is currently available for download at the following file transfer protocol (FTP) site for your review:

<https://filetransfer.bah.com/fcweb/jsp/downloadFiles.jsp?1006=1461956031006>

Tracking Number: WQ60E92BP0HB99Q0

PIN: 793657

Please feel free to provide feedback during the public comment period which ends on July 6, 2016 through www.regulations.gov, FIRSTNET-2016-0002 or through:

First Responder Network Authority
Attn: Amanda Goebel Pereira
12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, M/S 243
Reston, VA 20192

Hope to see you in New Haven. If you have any questions regarding the State of Connecticut's partnership with FirstNet, please email CTFirstNet@ct.gov

2. 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 | 315 Trumbull Street | Hartford, CT
Tickets -- \$60 with proceeds to benefit the Hartford Firefighters' Survivor's Fund
For Tickets: Contact Rich Driscoll 860-209-1062 or ten3@comcast.net
Peter Towey 860-805-0170 or Ptowey@hartfordfire.org
HFFA Office 860-296-3523

3. 2016 Emergency Response Guidebooks

The 2016 ERG Guidebooks have arrived. The distribution of these will take place starting on Thursday May 5, 2016 and continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the month of May from 0830 to 1500 hours. The distribution location will be the same as in the past; at the Southbury Training School 1461 South Britain Road (Route 172) Southbury; the building (old laundry) is across from the power house building and next to the thrift store and is located right on South Britain Road (no need to enter the campus). The procedure will also be the same, with the need to sign for receipt the books for the municipality/fire district. The Federal Government cut the distribution by 24% to the states so we are forced to reduce the number of books to each municipality by 24%. If there are any questions please contact either John Doucette (860-250-9458) or Joe Kingston (860-883-7994). For those not picked up in May we will distribute via career developments and other means in June.

Thank You
Joe Kingston
Office of State Fire Marshal
State of Connecticut

4. CSFA Fallen Firefighters Memorial Fundraiser Dinner – June 6th – **Don't Delay**

The Connecticut State Firefighters Association Memorial Foundation will be holding a Memorial Fundraiser Dinner on Monday, June 6, 2016 at the Aqua Turf Club. Funds raised will support maintenance and replacement of degrading panels on the Fallen Firefighters Memorial at the Connecticut Fire Academy in addition to completing the site work around the 9/11 Steel Artifact. Tickets are \$50 each or \$500 for a table of 10. Please come and support this important cause. Those unable to attend, please consider making a tax deductible donation!

The evening's guest speaker will be Deputy Chief Dominick Carfi currently serves as the Deputy Chief of Operations for the City of Bridgeport Fire Department. Deputy Chief Carfi is second in command under the Fire Chief of the Bridgeport Fire Department and is tasked with managing 277 uniformed personnel, responding to over 18,000 incidents each year, as well as firefighting operations, training and communications, including protecting the lives and property of the largest city in the State of Connecticut.

Deputy Chief Carfi was assigned to plan and organize a LODD Funeral in March of 1999 of a Single Firefighter fatality. And once again in July of 2010, when The Bridgeport Fire Department suffered one of its greatest losses, with double Line of Duty Death's and Funerals. He has also been awarded the Medal of Valor, Firefighter of the Year, two Unit Citations, and has been commended by the Board of Fire Commissioners for rescuing a child trapped and unconscious in a burning building.

For tickets, please send checks payable to:

Connecticut State Firefighters Association Memorial Fund (CSFAMF)
c/o Connecticut Fire Academy
34 Perimeter Road
Windsor Locks, CT 06096-1069

Your tickets will be forwarded upon receipt. Questions may be directed to Edward P. Urbansky at 860-985-3246.

NOTE: Don't delay buying your tickets, nine more tables must be filled to meet the minimum required for this event to proceed!

5. VCOS Report of the Chairman

Officer Change

Congratulations to Chief Charles Flynn of Suffield (Conn.) Fire Department for being selected by the VCOS board of directors as Vice Chair for the remaining term. Chief Shane Crutcher accepted a job in Germany as Deputy Director of Emergency Services for the US Army Garrison Stuttgart and had to step down from the Vice Chair position. We wish Chief Crutcher all the best in his new role in Germany!

Elections

Voting for the VCOS board of directors election will open by *June 1*. The election will be run exclusively online, so keep an eye out for an email with voting instructions from a company called Elections Online. There are six candidates running for the three open seats. Candidate bios are available on the [VCOS Elections webpage](#).

Training Officer Award

The application period for the [Training Officer Award](#) is open to fire chiefs, training officers and others whose focus is fire education. The award recognizes those who make a difference in their communities by demonstrated dedication to their departments' safety.

The winner will receive conference registration to [Fire-Rescue International \(FRI\)](#), roundtrip airfare to the event and a three-night stay at a conference hotel from [TargetSolutions](#). [Nominations can be submitted online](#) and are due by *May 31*.

The award will be presented at the VCOS Annual Meeting on *Thursday, August 18*.

IAFC Second Vice President

The VCOS board of directors voted to endorse Chief Gary Curmode of Copper Mountain (Colo.) Fire Department. We wish him luck on his candidacy! Voting is open now through *July 1*

May VCOS Webinar

Join us for the next VCOS webinar on *May 26 at 2 PM ET* with Mr. Garen Dodge as he presents *What Fire Chiefs Need to Know About FLSA Compliance*. Takeaways from the webinar include:

- When employees can be classified as "exempt" from overtime pay.
- How volunteers can be attracted, reimbursed for expenses and provided a "nominal fee" without becoming employees.
- How the 20 percent rule applies to nominal fees.

When "two hatters" can volunteer for the department.

Fire-Rescue International

The VCOS Annual Meeting will be Thursday, August 18 from 1:30 - 3:00 PM in San Antonio.

Congratulations to the following VCOS FRI Scholarship recipients: Chief Ryan Pierson, Highland Chemical Engine Company (N.J.) and Captain Andrew DeVries, Bayside (Alaska) Fire Department. They will receive \$1,500 to attend FRI and take back all they learn to their departments.

Fire Chief of the Year

Presented at FRI by the IAFC in partnership with Pierce Manufacturing, these awards recognize one career and one volunteer fire chief for their leadership, innovation, professional development, integrity, public service and contributions to the fire service as a whole.

Nominations will be accepted until *May 27* from any IAFC member or members of affiliated organizations. For nomination criteria and the list of nominating organizations, [visit the Fire Chief of the Year webpage](#).

Symposium in the Sun

Symposium in the Sun is November 10-13 in Clearwater Beach, Florida. We hope to see you there. [Register now and book your hotel!](#)

It's time to think about those people whose efforts you've appreciated all these years and who deserve recognition for their successes. Go to [VCOS Awards page](#) for details on the awards and read about past winners.

This year's winners will have travel expenses paid by the award sponsor to attend [Symposium in the Sun](#) in November and will receive complimentary conference registration from VCOS. The application deadline is *August 31*, so don't miss your opportunity!

The [John M. Buckman III Award](#), sponsored by Provident Insurance, is given to a chief officer of a volunteer or combination department who demonstrates exemplary leadership, integrity and outstanding moral values

The [Illness & Injury Prevention Award](#), sponsored by VFIS, is designed to support the NFFF and USFA initiatives to reduce firefighter injuries and illness. It recognizes success and excellence in developing and implementing an injury, illness, or vehicle safety prevention program.

The [Retention and Recruitment Award](#), sponsored by VFIS, recognizes success and excellence in the retention and recruitment of emergency-service organization members.

There are also scholarships available to Symposium in the Sun. [Two scholarships are sponsored by VCOS and the Emerging Leader Scholarship](#) is sponsored by The Gasaway Consulting Group, LLC.

6. CT EMS Expo - Golf Tournament

The CT EMS Expo is conducting their second annual golf tournament. It is Thursday, June 2, 2016 at Mohegan Sun Country Club with a shotgun start at 9:00am.

At this point we are 10 days away from the early bird registration period ending. Last year's event was a great success and we need your help to see the same success. We have give-aways, plenty of food, 50+ raffles items, and awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

Please use the following link to get to our registration page:

<http://www.ctemsexpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/2016-Golf-Registration-Form-early-bird.pdf>

We'd really appreciate your support. If you're not able to play but know of others that maybe interested please feel free to 'forward' this information on to them. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

Respectfully,
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7. FPW Theme – Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years," represents the final year of our three-year effort to educate the public about basic but essential elements of smoke alarm safety.

Why focus on smoke alarms three years in a row? Because NFPA's survey data shows that the public has many misconceptions about smoke alarms, which may put them at increased risk in the event of a home fire. For example, only a small percentage of people know how old their smoke alarms are, or how often they need to be replaced.

As a result of those and related findings, we're addressing smoke alarm replacement this year with a focus on these key messages:

Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years.

Make sure you know how old all the smoke alarms are in your home.

To find out how old a smoke alarm is, look at the date of manufacture on the back of the alarm; the alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date.

8. 9/11 Memorial Museum Trip Presented by Avon Volunteer Fire Department

Please see attached memo for an upcoming trip to NYC for the 9/11 Memorial Museum. Information is on the attached memo, if you have any additional questions please feel free to call the Avon Volunteer Fire Dept. office at (860)677-2644. Feel free to distribute to your departments - Thank you & stay safe

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