

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

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1. CT. Fire Dept. Instructors Assoc. June Meeting – Tomorrow 9am

The June CFDIA meeting will be held tomorrow, June 1st starting at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be held at East Hartford Fire Station 3 (Headquarters) located at 31 School Street. Please park in the side parking lot on the FD side and the entrance is located at the rear of the building. East Hartford Fire Chief John Oates is scheduled to present an up-date on the NFFF including the findings of the Tampa 2 summit and also explain the training available to help you safeguard your firefighters.

2. June School Still Accepting Applications – Some Classes Endanger of Canceling/ Low Enrollment

As of today a few classes have canceled **Driving Simulator** Incident Management Team

Applications still being accepted please fax or mail your application today.

The application period for June School 2016 is still open and available on our web site http://www.ct.gov/cfpc/cwp/view.as p?Q=579498&A=832. 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.

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

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

3. CSFA Fallen Firefighters Memorial Fundraiser Dinner – June 6th – Deadline Extended

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.

Deadline extended to June 3, 2016 – Please call Ed @ 860-985-3246 for Reservations regarding 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!

4. Colchester Hayward Volunteer Fire Company's Annual Golf Classic

The Colchester Hayward Volunteer Fire Company will be hosting it's annual Golf Classic on June 16, 2016 at the Blackledge Country Club in Hebron, CT. Sign-up your foursome today! See the attached for additional information.

5. SMART Triage Training

Please see the attached flyer for SMART Triage Training. There will be two sessions one, Wednesday, 6/15/2016 6-9pm @ Scotland Fire Department in Scotland and one Saturday, 6/18/2016 at Northeast District Department of Health in Brooklyn. You only need to attend one class, but are welcome to attend both. Please see flyer to register. This class is being held free of charge thanks to funding by the CT State Office of Rural Health.

6. New London County Fire Chiefs Association June Meeting - Tomorrow 7pm

The June meeting of the New London County Fire Chiefs Association will be held on June, 1, 2016 and hosted by/at JLN Associates 43 Hatchetts Hill Road in Old Lyme beginning at 7 p.m.

7. Side by Side Fire Demo to be Hosted by Cheshire FD

"Sometimes people just need to see it to believe it," says Keith Flood, chairman of the Connecticut Fire Sprinkler Coalition.

That's why the Connecticut Fire Sprinkler Coalition will intentionally light two fires in front of a live audience on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 11:30 AM at the Cheshire Fire Department, 250 Maple Avenue, *Cheshire, CT 06410.* The event is meant to let local residents see firsthand why a typical home fire can become deadly in three minutes or less. U.S. Representative Elizabeth Esty, Governor Dannel P. Malloy and members of the Connecticut General Assembly have been invited to attend.

The Connecticut Fire Sprinkler Coalition received support from <u>M. J. Daly Company</u> to bring this important event to the state. The company built two structures to simulate the room and contents of a typical home. Each room contains common furnishings, window treatments and a working smoke alarm. Only one of the rooms contains a fire sprinkler.

This dramatic, yet safe, form of education has become increasingly popular with fire departments across the country.

"There's nothing like the heat and smoke of a real fire to help adults and children better understand just how fast a home fire escalates," says Flood. "With a side-by-side live burn comparison, we can show both the danger of fire and the benefits of having fire sprinkler systems installed."

Many people already understand how vital it is to have working smoke alarms to warn of a fire. But home fire sprinklers are not as well known or understood. That's one reason why the nonprofit <u>Home Fire</u> <u>Sprinkler Coalition</u> (HFSC) secured a federal Fire Prevention & Safety Grant to develop a free kit to help fire departments build and present side-by-side fire and sprinkler burn demonstrations in their communities.

Following an emergency call, it takes 9-12 minutes, on average, for a fire department to arrive on the fire scene. By that time, a fire in an unsprinklered home will have spread, causing smoke and heat damage and threatening the lives of residents. In a sprinklered home, the fire gets under control right away, limiting damage and protecting residents and first responders. Local and national fire safety experts say widespread use of home fire sprinkler systems could save thousands of lives per year.

The Cheshire Fire Department will have firefighters and fire apparatus on hand during the burn.

In a sprinklered home, the fire gets under control right away, limiting damage and protecting residents and first responders. Here are some other facts about home fire sprinkler systems:

- Fire sprinklers are supplied by household water usually off the water main. Just like ordinary plumbing, sprinkler system piping is hidden behind walls and ceilings.
- The sprinklers are positioned along the piping and can be seen in ceilings or up high along certain walls.
- Sprinklers are activated only by the high temperature of a fire typically between 135°-165°F.
- Burnt toast or other smoke cannot set off a sprinkler; a smoke alarm that activates cannot set off a sprinkler either.
- Sprinklers are designed to flow between 10-25 gallons of water per minute. That's about 10-15 times less water flow than fire department hoses, and with far less pressure.
- A sprinkler controls or extinguishes a fire by operating while a fire is still small, therefore slowing the spread of poisonous smoke and deadly heat.
- Fast and effective action provided by sprinklers gives family members more time to get out safely, ultimately saving lives.
- The sprinkler confines the fire damage so that surrounding rooms are protected, saving valuables.

Visit the websites for the Connecticut Fire Sprinkler Coalition and the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition to learn more about this life-saving technology and to see video clips and animations that answer common questions. You can also read about real-life fires where sprinklers saved lives.

The Connecticut Fire Sprinkler Coalition is a part of NFPA's <u>Fire Sprinkler Initiative</u>, a nationwide effort to mandate the use of home fire sprinklers and the adoption of fire sprinkler requirements for new construction.

8. NFA's Volunteer Incentive Program Vacancies for September 11-16 Classes

<u>Leadership and Administration (R0810)</u>. Learn the appropriate skills for the volunteer emergency services officer to view administrative effectiveness through adaptive leadership skills and efficient management practices. More information at <u>http://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/56</u>

Emergency Medical Services: Quality Management (R0835). Learn the critical components, background and principles associated with the implementation, or enhancement, of a department's Quality Management Program. Learn to create, implement and maintain a Quality Management Program, including historical examples, current models, and best practices of quality assurance and improvement, process improvement, data collection and analysis. More information at https://www.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/10645 View information on the VIP and courses at: https://www.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/10645 View information on the VIP and courses at: https://www.usfa.fema.gov/training/nfa/programs/vip.html If interested, apply today as vacancies fill quickly! Learn how to apply at https://www.usfa.fema.gov/training/nfa/admissions/apply.html Don't miss out on this FREE training at your National Fire Academy.

View ALL NFA course vacancies at: https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/vacancies

9. NFPA Releases Updated Emergency Evacuation Planning Guide for People with Disabilities

In an emergency evacuation, people with disabilities face significant challenges that building owners and occupants must seriously consider and plan for. The second edition of the <u>National Fire Protection</u> <u>Association's</u> (NFPA) <u>Emergency Evacuation Planning Guide for People with Disabilities</u>, which was officially released this past week, addresses the main evacuation elements needed for the disabled community.

The new guide is free and accessible online, and features updated statistics, graphics, photos and links. It also includes an expanded, more detailed checklist for the personal evacuation planning process.

"The updated guide reflects fire and life safety advocates' collective commitment to providing the disabled community with the latest information, guidance and resources needed to safely evacuate an occupancy in an emergency evacuation," said Allan Fraser, senior specialist for NFPA's Building Fire Protection division. "In particular, we've incorporated increased accessibility to the guide, including technologies that allow screen readers who are blind or low vision to access content online."

With input from NFPA's Disability Access Review and Advisory Committee (DARAC) and other nationally recognized advocates, the guide was originally created in 2007 to create a comprehensive evacuation planning strategy for the disabled community that establishes the needs, criteria and minimum information necessary for proper planning. Identifying general categories of disabilities (mobility, visual, hearing, speech and cognitive impairments), the guide outlines the four elements of evacuation that occupants need in the event of an emergency: notification; way finding; use of the way; and assistance.

"Accessibility among the disabled community is a relatively recent subject that we've begun to address in fire and building codes, but it's one we must continue to proactively focus on, so that we can fully meet the safety needs of people with disabilities," said Fraser. "Moving forward, we plan to update the guide more

frequently with timely updates and information that reflect the continually changing and evolving built environments in which we all work and live."

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