



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

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Note; copies of all certifications including EMT, Firefighter 2, and CPAT, must be submitted with application.

Applications can be obtained in the Eagleview Employment Center (49 Sandy Desert Road, Uncasville CT 06382), the Protective Services desk located in the lobby of the Government Center (13 Crow Hill Road Uncasville CT 06382) or by emailing achand@moheganmail.com . Completed applications can be emailed to achand@moheganmail.com, faxed to (860) 862-6199 or mailed to 13 Crow Hill Road, Uncasville CT 06382 attention Human Resources. Please ensure that copies of all the required certifications are included with your application.

See attached for more Information

2. Tactical Ventilation Training Fundraiser in Honor of Brother Scott Johnson - Saturday

Lieutenant Nick Papa will be delivering his tactical ventilation program this Saturday, July 15 at Naugatuck High School [from 9:00 am until Noon](#). All the proceeds are in honor of Brother Scott Johnson who is a firefighter with the City of New Britain and a retired Coast Guard Veteran who is battling colorectal cancer. Please make every effort to attend. \$20 Donation Requested. See flyer for additional details.

3. Employment Opportunity - Town of Mansfield CT – Firefighter/EMT

The Town of Mansfield is looking to fill full-time and part-time firefighter/emergency medical technician (EMT) positions for its Fire and Emergency Services Department. Full-time starting salary is \$28.38 per hour with an excellent benefits package. Part-time starting salary is \$22.13 per hour with no benefits. Candidates are required to hold the following certifications: Firefighter I; Firefighter II; EMT-B, with DEFIB; Hazardous Materials Operational Level; Q endorsement or CDL A or B or equivalent on a valid driver's license. CPAT certification and ambulance technician experience is highly desirable. Further details can be found in the attached PDF.

Interested applicants must submit an employment application, resume, letter of interest and electronic copies of the required and preferred certifications and licenses online at www.mansfieldct.gov/jobs no later than **Monday, July 17, 2017 at 4:30pm. EOE/AA**

4. 2017 Fall CPAT Registration Sessions - Now on Line - Only

The fall CPAT sessions are now available for registration. Please go the following website to register

<https://ctlms.ct.gov/Saba/Web/Main>. The fall sessions will begin on August 13, 2017 and include 2 orientations, 2 practice tests and a final CPAT date on page 2 of the listings. There are 6 sessions available at this time. It is recommended if you have never taken CPAT you register for the complete series rather than the special sessions. If you have any questions, please email Jackie Kilby Richards at jacklyn.kilby-richards@ct.gov or you can call 860-264-9285. If you do call please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

5. New Haven Fire Department Dedication Ceremony for FF Thomas Kelly (Ret) - **Saturday**

New Haven Fire Department will host a dedication for FF Thomas Kelly (Ret) on Saturday, July 15, 2017 at the New Haven Regional Fire Training Academy at approximately 10:00 am. FF Kelly was severely injured in the line of duty on February 26 1992. The department will be dedicating his tiller bucket that is located outside of the main entrance of the training facility. For more details pertaining to the event, please refer to the attachment.

6. House Subcommittee Conducts Hearing on USFA, Firefighter Grant Programs

On Wednesday, July 12th, the House Science, Technology and Space Committee's Subcommittee on Research and Technology conducted a hearing to review the United States Fire Administration (USFA), the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program and the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program. The hearing, entitled "*U.S. Fire Administration and Fire Grant Programs Reauthorization: Examining Effectiveness and Priorities*," featured [witnesses from USFA and a number of national fire service organizations](#). CFSI submitted comments for the record, which can be viewed [here](#).

USFA is the lead federal agency for our nation's fire and emergency services. Its core mission is divided into four program areas: data collection, public education, technology development, and training. Congress created the Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant programs to address the baseline needs of our nation's fire and emergency services. These two highly successful programs help ensure that our nation's more than 30,000 fire departments have the necessary training, equipment, and staffing to respond to over 30 million emergency calls annually and work to reduce community risk. Legislation reauthorizing these critical programs is expected to be introduced in the House in the coming weeks.

On May 17th, the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs unanimously approved [S. 829, the AFG and SAFER Program Reauthorization Act of 2017](#). The legislation reauthorizes the Assistance to Firefighters (AFG), the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER), and Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) grant programs through Fiscal Year 2023. Additionally, the legislation removes a "sunset" provision in the current authorizing statute that would eliminate the programs on January 2, 2018.

7. Firefighter Near Miss Report of the Week

SCBA Cylinder Ejects from Pack

Summary

SCBAs are used constantly in the fire service. They allow us to perform our jobs safely and effectively in dangerous environments. They also contain a large amount of stored energy and can become dangerous if we're complacent about correct use and care of these important pieces of equipment.

Event Description

Our department was doing window-bailout and wall-breaching training on an acquired structure. The firefighters had on new SCBAs, but they weren't on air. I was the exterior safety officer.

While I was observing the training, I heard an extremely loud bang that sounded like someone hit an air cylinder with a tool. I went inside and was told by a firefighter that his air cylinder had just "explosively" ejected off his air pack. The cylinder hit the restraining strap and dropped to the floor.

The firefighter was uninjured; he had been standing and not moving when this happened. Several firefighters were standing behind him; they were uninjured as well.

Further questioning and investigation revealed that the firefighter had taken the SCBA off the truck, but hadn't attached his regulator or turned it on. He did two window bailouts and a wall breach, which may have slightly turned on the cylinder. He heard his PASS device go off but didn't bleed the system. It appears the cylinder on this pack wasn't completely snapped in before this training, causing it to eject after being nudged open during the exercises.

The department had received new SCBAs about two weeks before and all firefighters had completed a training and skills check-off before the packs were put into service.

To prevent this from happening again, all members were told about this event and proper bottle attachment was explained again. A sign was posted to remind members to check all SCBAs before their shifts to ensure they're properly attached. This event is presented in our academy to new members.

View the Report: [SCBA Bottle Turns into Projectile](#)

Take-Aways

The fire service has a number of tools that can be dangerous when not used properly. As we gain experience and confidence with these tools, we can become complacent in how we use them. SCBAs are no different. We interact with them constantly, but how often do we refocus our skills of doing routine tasks like donning and doffing SCBA or changing the cylinders?

Discussion

- Do you provide new firefighters specific training on swapping bottles and using a fill station?
- Are your SCBAs periodically tested and maintained by certified staff from the agency or another vendor? If not, who could you have do this?

- Have you recently upgraded SCBAs? If so, what training did you require before putting them into service?

Leading Practices

As SCBA technology evolves, new methods to attach bottles and operate the SCBAs themselves are being created as well. This means that what was a routine procedure to swap out bottles can be very different when upgrading to a new model.

Remember, muscle memory built from years of interacting with older-style SCBA means firefighters can easily revert to an incorrect technique. Training in realistic environments to build skill and efficiency is crucial when putting any new equipment into service, especially something that protects us in an IDLH environment.

Review correct procedures for servicing SCBAs as well as for filling cylinders. These tasks become routine but can be dangerous if done incorrectly. Proper use of filling stations and periodic SCBA maintenance and testing can reduce these hazards.

There are many stories of pranks and hijinks in firehouses using SCBA cylinders. These are dangerous and can cause career-ending injuries and result in disciplinary action. No joke is worth that.

Related Near Miss Reports

- [Horseplay with Air Bottle Turns Dangerous](#)
- [SCBA Bottle Discharges During Change](#)
- [SCBA Bottle Becomes Airborne](#)

Additional Resources

- [Luxfer Carbon Fiber SCBA Bottle Poster \(PDF\)](#)
- [FireEngineering.com: Throw Back to Basics: SCBA Confidence](#)
- [USFA Special Report: Prevention of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Failures \(PDF\)](#)

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TOWN OF MANSFIELD

FULL AND PART-TIME FIREFIGHTER/EMTS MANSFIELD FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Town of Mansfield is looking to fill full-time and part-time firefighter/emergency medical technician (EMT) positions for its Fire and Emergency Services Department. A sample listing of duties includes: responding to fire, rescue, hazard material and other incidents and performing complex tasks during potentially life threatening situations; responding to medical emergencies, evaluating patient condition and providing appropriate treatment; driving and operating fire apparatus, ambulance and other vehicles applying proper procedures; documenting emergency incidents and patient records on reports and journals. Additional duties include performing maintenance checks, operational testings, minor maintenance and repair functions, and general housekeeping. Firefighter/EMTs work both as a member of a team and independently.

Full-time starting salary is \$28.38 per hour with an excellent benefits package. Part-time starting salary is \$22.13 per hour with no benefits. Candidates should indicate if they are interested in full-time work only, part-time work only, or either full or part-time work. Selected candidates are required to reside within a 30 minute drive of Mansfield no later than the conclusion of their probationary period.

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The Mohegan Tribe Job Posting for Open Position(s)

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Date Posted: 07/11/17

Department: Fire

Date Closed: 07/25/17

Shift: B Shift

Status: Full-Time

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FUNDRAISER
IN HONOR OF SCOTT JOHNSON



TACTICAL VENTILATION:
THE INS AND OUTS OF OPENING UP

PRESENTED BY LT. NICK PAPA

Please join us for a morning of training in support of New Britain Firefighter and US Coast Guard veteran Scott Johnson in his fight against colorectal cancer.



July 15, 2017
0900-1200

Naugatuck
High School
543 Rubber Ave
Naugatuck, CT

\$20 Donation

Refreshments

50/50 Raffle

Team Johnson
T-Shirts For Sale

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INFORMATION**

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SATURDAY JULY 15, 2017
1000Hrs.

NEW HAVEN REGIONAL FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY

Firefighter Tommy Kelly was 33 years old when he fell three stories into an air shaft at a structure fire at 1142 Chapel St on February 26th 1992. Tommy was the tiller man that night on Truck 4, Division 3. He was conducting vertical ventilation on the roof when he turned to retrieve a tool and stepped into the unprotected void. He was unconscious with his face under water until brother firefighters rescued him and was transported in grave condition to St. Raphael's Hospital. The next couple of weeks were touch and go for Tommy.

It has been 25 years since his accident and Tommy, being the fighter he has always been, has prevailed. He suffers from a traumatic brain injury and has battled every day since that night. His injuries, while tragic, serve to remind all of us in this business that life can change forever with one step.

On Saturday, July 15, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Tommy's devotion and service to the NHFD will be celebrated with the dedication of his tiller bucket that sits outside the main entrance of the New Haven Fire Regional Training Academy, 230 Ella T. Grasso Boulevard, New Haven.

Please come and join us to say thank you to this man who has given his all for us and the City of New Haven.