



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

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**1. Peter Weinberger Memorial Car Show Hosted by New Fairfield Vol. FD**

The Peter Weinberger Memorial Car show hosted by the New Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department will be held on Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Rain Date: Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>) at Company A Fire House 302 Ball Pond Road in New Fairfield, CT. See the attached flyer for additional details.

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**2. 2017 Vehicle Fire Investigation School**

The Connecticut State Police Fire & Explosion Investigation Unit, in cooperation with the Office of Education and Data Management, the CT Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators, and the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control, are pleased to announce the **2017 Vehicle Fire Investigation School** to be held at the Connecticut Fire Academy **September 19-22, 2017**. Please see the attached announcement and application for complete details. 30 hours of Fire Marshal Continuing Education Credit will be awarded to qualified students.

Applications are due by 1600 hours on Friday, August 18, 2017 and may be emailed to [paul.makuc@ct.gov](mailto:paul.makuc@ct.gov), faxed to (860) 706-5619 or mailed to the CSP FEIU, Attn. Detective Paul Makuc, 269 Maxim Road, Hartford, CT 06114.

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**3. Webinar – Firefighters Under Fire: Learning from Active Shooter Incidents**

Active-shooter incidents are a classic high-risk, low-frequency event. Most firefighters may never experience one-but the potential is *always* there.....and for those who do and have, the consequences are devastating\*.

**TOMORROW TUESDAY JULY 18, 2017-1300 ET, Gordon Graham's Lexipol crew is again hosting a no cost FIREFIGHTER webinar with those who have unfortunately been there:**

**From MARYLAND:**

**Chief Ben Barksdale-Prince Georges County, MD** Fire-EMS where Firefighter/Medic John E. Ulmschneider was shot and killed and Volunteer Firefighter, Kevin Swain, from CO. 27 was shot multiple times but survived.

**From NEW YORK:**

**Asst Fire Chief Mark Cholach (Formerly West Webster NY FD Chief)** where Volunteer Firefighters Mike Chiapperini and Tomasz Kaczowka were shot and killed. Two firefighters survived: firefighters Joseph Hofstetter, who was shot in the pelvis (with the bullet then lodged in his spine), and Theodore Scardino, who was shot in the chest and knee.

**From TEXAS:**

**Dallas Fire-Rescue Battalion Chief Tami Kayea** commanded the fire and EMS resources when a sniper opened fire on Police Officers during a peaceful, planned protest. The shooter killed five Police Officers and injured seven other officers and two civilians.

In tomorrow's webinar, these Chief Fire Officers will recount their experiences in responding to active-shooter situations.

**You'll learn:**

- Lessons learned from three very different active-shooter incidents involving firefighters.
- The importance of developing joint response protocols with law enforcement.
- Factors to consider when making the decision to equip firefighters with body armor.
- Key elements of an active-shooter policy....and much more.

**SIGN UP HERE:**

<http://info.lexipol.com/active-shooter-webinar>

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**4. Litchfield County Regional Fire School Fall 2017 Firefighter I Program**

(Recent name change from Burrville Fire School)

Fall 2017 Firefighter I Program

Mondays and Wednesdays with some weekends

Starts August 16th end December 18th

Mon & Wed are 1900-2200

Weekends 0800-1600

Location for majority of program is the Canaan Fire Company with some trips to Lakeville and CFA

Please send in your applications by August 4th or contact School Chairman Robert Norton Jr at [RNortonJr414@gmail.com](mailto:RNortonJr414@gmail.com) or 860-866-6819 to confirm your spot in this program or if you need an application or copy of the schedule

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## **5. Public Fire & Life Safety Education Conference – August 24, 2017 - CFA**

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection in conjunction with the Connecticut Fire Academy are hosting a Public Fire & Life Safety Educator Conference on August 24, 2017. We are planning a full day event with multiple presentations from Fire Prevention and Educational experts from both state and national organizations. The event will begin at 8:00 with presentations starting at 9:00.

Some highlights include Meri K Appy from the Vision 20 / 20 project talking about effective safety messages, a side-by-side sprinkler demonstration from the CT Fire Sprinkler Coalition, an overview of the American Red Cross's Smoke Detector and Home Safety Inspection program and many more. The cost for the day is \$25.00 and attendees will qualify for 5 ½ CEU's of Fire Marshal credits. A brochure outlining the entire program is attached. Hope to see you there.

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## **6. CT Fallen Firefighters Memorial Fundraiser – Red Sox/Yankee Tickets**

### **Red Sox/Yankee Tickets**

Baseball Fans....

It's that time of year again...Gowrie/VFIS of Southern New England is offering a set of 4 Tickets to a Boston Red Sox vs New York Yankees baseball game – and the proceeds go to the Connecticut Firefighters Memorial at the Connecticut Fire Academy.

Great seats.... Great game.... Great time!! You will be helping to maintain the Connecticut Firefighters Memorial !!

**New York Yankees vs Boston Red Sox**  
**Saturday, August 12, 2017 – 4:05 pm**  
**Yankee Stadium**  
Section: #312  
Row: 2  
Seats: 15-18

To bid on tickets: Contact Jeff Rudzavice, [jeffr@gowrie.com](mailto:jeffr@gowrie.com) (e-mail) or (860) 274-7601 (work)  
Closing date for bids: Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 om

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## 7. 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](mailto: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.

**PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS EMAIL**



# THE PETER WEINBERGER MEMORIAL CAR SHOW

HOSTED BY THE NEW FAIRFIELD VOL. FIRE DEPT.

**WHERE:**

Company A Fire House  
302 Ball Pond Road  
New Fairfield, CT 06812

**WHEN:**

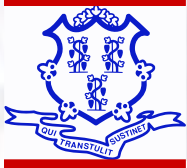
Saturday, July 29th  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Rain Date: Sunday, July 30th

*To benefit Regional Hospice and Palliative Care and the New Fairfield Vol. Fire Dept.  
Price per vehicle: \$10 pre registration / \$15 at the gate / \$50 VIP parking  
Spectators: \$5 per person kids under 12 free*

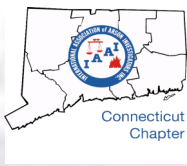
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**Price per vehicle: \$10 pre registration / \$15 at the gate / \$50 VIP parking Spectators: \$5 per person kids under 12 free**

**Additional information available at [NFVFD.org](http://NFVFD.org) • Return to NFVFD PO Box 8122, New Fairfield, CT 06812**



The Connecticut State Police Fire & Explosion Investigation Unit  
The Office of Education & Data Management *and*  
The Connecticut Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators  
*in cooperation with*  
The Commission on Fire Prevention and Control *proudly present*



## The 17th Annual Vehicle Fire Investigation School

September 19, 20, 21 & 22, 2017  
Connecticut Fire Academy  
Windsor Locks, Connecticut

**COST:**  
**\$200.00**  
**\$175.00 for CT IAAI members**

### About the Program

This program will focus on vehicle fire investigations. A review of Connecticut case law pertaining to vehicle search and seizure, and the methods used to properly determine origin and cause of vehicle fires will be presented, all of which will allow the experienced Investigator to render a reliable opinion as to fire origin and cause. The program will consist of classroom lecture/presentation, practical exercises and live vehicle burns.

Enrollment will be limited to 30 students and there is a **\$200.00** nonrefundable registration fee. (**\$175.00 for CT IAAI members**) For information about becoming a member of the CT IAAI please visit <http://iaai-ct.org>.

Lunch, breaks and course materials are included. **Attendance all four days is mandatory.** Tuition reimbursement may be available through the Connecticut FAIR Plan. All completed applications must be received no later than

1600 hours on Friday, **August 18, 2017**. Please **do not** call the Office of Education & Data Management or the Connecticut State Police Fire & Explosion Investigation Unit. No telephone requests will be honored.

**Do not send registration fee with the application.**

After review by the selection committee, the candidates selected to attend will be notified by e-mail and will then submit a completed registration form along with the registration fee.

Preference may be given to graduates of the Annual Advanced Fire Investigation School provided by this Agency or its equivalent.

**30 hours of Fire Marshal Continuing Education Credit will be awarded to qualified students.**

### Program Instructors

**Dennis Lyons** — Mr. Lyons is the President of S. D. Lyons, Inc., with offices in Massachusetts and Connecticut. He began his career in Automotive Accident Reconstruction and Vehicle Forensics in 1978 with APC Engineering and Avery Technical Services in Rhode Island. Mr. Lyons has extensive training and experience in fire investigation, auto mechanics, locksmithing and physical damage evaluation. He is a court-qualified expert in the areas of fire origin and cause, automotive ignition and security system analysis, mechanical failure analysis and physical damage analysis. The technical staff at his company consists of mechanical engineers, fire investigators, certified master technicians and locksmiths and provides accident reconstruction and automotive forensic services throughout New England. (S.D Lyons, Inc., 1898 Fall River Avenue, Seekonk, MA 02771; 508-336-9393)

**Lieutenant Christopher M. Bartolotta** — Lieutenant Bartolotta has been with the Connecticut State Police since 1990, and is currently assigned to the Western District Major Crime Squad. He is a certified Law Enforcement Trainer on a wide variety of subjects that include police policy and procedure, enforcement techniques, patrol functions, drug-alcohol issues, fraudulent documents, accident reconstruction, auto theft, criminal investigations and numerous other topics.

**Michael G. Gailor, Esq.** — Attorney Gailor graduated from UCONN Law School and became Assistant States Attorney. He has worked as a prosecutor since 1995. Attorney Gailor lectures on testifying as an expert witness for IAAI and the Annual Advanced Fire Investigation School. He also participates in the mock trial for the Fire Investigation School.

**Detectives Paul G. Makuc and Wayne Opdenbrouw** — Detective Makuc has been with the Connecticut State Police Fire & Explosion Investigation Unit (CSP FEIU) since 2005 and Detective Opdenbrouw since 2006. Both have conducted hundreds of fire investigations and attended numerous advanced courses in Fire and Explosion Investigation and Courtroom Procedures, including the National Fire Academy in Maryland. Both are instructors for the State of Connecticut Fire Marshal Pre-Certification Program and the Advanced Fire Investigation School. They have testified at numerous criminal arson trials and given depositions on fire investigations. Both are Certified Accelerant Detection Canine Handlers, working countless fire scenes with their assigned accelerant detection canines "Baxter" and "Cora" and "Elway" and "Sprite."

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## Tuesday, September 19, 2017

- 0800—0830**      **Registration** (Fire Academy Cafeteria)
- 0830-0845**      **Opening Remarks** (Fire Academy Auditorium)  
Jeffrey J. Morrisette, State Fire Administrator, CT Fire Academy  
Sergeant Wilfred J. Blanchette III, Acting Commanding Officer, CSP FEIU
- 0845-0900**      **Introduction to Vehicle Fire Investigations**
- 0900-1100**      **Overview of Legal Aspects Pertaining to Vehicle Fires**  
Michael G. Gailor, Office of Chief State's Attorney
- 1100—1200**      **A Practical Approach to Vehicle Fire Investigations**  
Detectives Paul G. Makuc and Wayne Opdenbrouw, CSP FEIU
- 1200—1230**      **Lunch** (Fire Academy Cafeteria)
- 1230—1700**      **A Practical Approach to Vehicle Fire Investigations (Continued)**

## Wednesday, September 20, 2017

- 0800—1200**      **Determining the Origin and Cause of Vehicle Fires**  
Dennis Lyons, Owner S.D. Lyons, Inc.
- 1200—1230**      **Lunch** (Fire Academy Cafeteria)
- 1230—1700**      **Determining the Origin and Cause of Vehicle Fires (continued)**

## Thursday, September 21, 2017

- 0800—1200**      **Determining the Origin and Cause of Vehicle Fires (continued)**  
Dennis Lyons, Owner S.D. Lyons, Inc.
- Live Burns on Fire Training Grounds**
- 1200—1230**      **Lunch** (Fire Academy Cafeteria)
- 1230—1700**      **Determining the Origin and Cause of Vehicle Fires (continued) and  
Overview of Live Burn Scenarios**

## Friday, September 22, 2017

- 0830—1000**      **NICB As an Investigative Resource**  
John Gasiorek, National Insurance Crime Bureau
- 1000-1200**      **Auto Theft and Fraud Related Issues**  
Lt. Christopher M. Bartolotta, CSP Western District Major Crime Squad
- 1200-1230**      **Lunch** (Fire Academy Cafeteria)
- 1230-1330**      **Concluding the Vehicle Fire Investigation and Course Overview**
- 1330-1400**      **Course Critiques and Certificates**



**2017 VEHICLE FIRE INVESTIGATION SCHOOL APPLICATION**

<b>SECTION I - GENERAL INFORMATION</b>		(For office use only)
NAME (As you would like it to appear on your certificate) <u>PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY</u>		
HOME ADDRESS (Street, Town, State and Zip Code)	OEDM ID NUMBER	
	CELL PHONE NO.	
EMAIL ADDRESS (NOTE: ALL NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE MADE BY EMAIL)	WORK PHONE NO.	

DO YOU HAVE ANY HANDICAPS (including special allergies or medical conditions) WHICH WOULD REQUIRE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION DURING YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THIS COURSE?

**SECTION II - EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION AND AUTHORIZATION**

NAME AND COMPLETE ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION BEING REPRESENTED	Enter your current position in Organization being represented and number of years in the position. Position: _____ Years: _____
CHECK THE BOX BELOW TO INDICATE THE COUNTY YOUR ORGANIZATION IS LOCATED IN  <input type="checkbox"/> FAIRFIELD <input type="checkbox"/> LITCHFIELD <input type="checkbox"/> NEW HAVEN <input type="checkbox"/> TOLLAND <input type="checkbox"/> HARTFORD <input type="checkbox"/> MIDDLESEX <input type="checkbox"/> NEW LONDON <input type="checkbox"/> WINDHAM	CT IAAI Member YES _____ NO _____

Briefly describe your activities or responsibilities as they relate to the course for which you are applying and identify how you will utilize the information obtained from the course:

**CHECK THE BOX(ES) BELOW THAT BEST DESCRIBE YOUR ORGANIZATION**

JURISDICTION	TYPE OF ORGANIZATION	AFFILIATION
<input type="checkbox"/> STATEWIDE	<input type="checkbox"/> CAREER	<input type="checkbox"/> FIRE SERVICE
<input type="checkbox"/> CITY/TOWN/VILLAGE	<input type="checkbox"/> VOLUNTEER	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW ENFORCEMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRE DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> COMBINATION	<input type="checkbox"/> EMERGENCY MGMT.
<input type="checkbox"/> FEDERAL/MILITARY		<input type="checkbox"/> JUDICIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY/BUSINESS		<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____
<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____		



**2017 VEHICLE FIRE INVESTIGATION SCHOOL APPLICATION**

Previously attended the CT VFIS?  Yes  No If yes, Year \_\_\_\_\_

Do you investigate vehicle fires now? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of vehicle fires investigated \_\_\_\_\_

List previous Vehicle Fire Investigation courses you have attended (including National/Federal, State and Private sponsored courses). Attach additional page if necessary.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THIS APPLICATION IS FRIDAY AUGUST 18, 2017**

**DO NOT send tuition fee with this application**

***ACCEPTED APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED IN WRITING OF ACCEPTANCE TO THIS COURSE***

***Please Note: ATTENDANCE AT ALL SESSIONS IS MANDATORY***

**Class times are 0800 – 1700 Tuesday through Thursday and 0830-1400 on Friday**

**SECTION III - RELEASE FROM LIABILITY**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby acknowledge and agree that I will be covered by my personal or department's workers' compensation insurance coverage while participating in the above training course and that the Connecticut Fire Academy, its Commissioners, Officers, Agents, or Employees and the State of Connecticut, its Commissioners, Officers, Agents, or Employees and that the CT Chapter of the IAAI, its Officers, Agents, or Employees, shall not be liable for any injuries or death sustained during such training.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

I hereby authorize the above applicant to participate in the above course and, therefore, understand that the above mentioned employee will be covered by my department's compensation insurance coverage while participating in such training and that the Connecticut Fire Academy, its Commissioners, Officers, Agents, or Employees and the State of Connecticut, its Commissioners, Officers, Agents, or Employees and that the CT Chapter of the IAAI, its Officers, Agents, or Employees, shall not be liable for any injuries or death sustained during such training. This applicant is considered by my department's standards to be physically and emotionally fit to perform fire investigation evolutions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

**Submit Application to:** CSP Fire & Explosion Investigation Unit  
Attn: Detective Paul Makuc  
269 Maxim Road  
Hartford, CT 06114

Applications will also be accepted by:  
**Fax: (860) 706-5619**  
or scanned and emailed to:  
**Email: paul.makuc@ct.gov**



## Public Fire and Life Safety Educator Conference

Connecticut Fire Academy  
Thursday, August 24, 2017



## Agenda

- 800 Registration (Coffee and...)
- 900 Welcome to CFA  
Jeff Morrissette CFA
- 915 What makes an effective Fire Safety Message?  
Meri K Appy Vision 20/20
- 1045 Smoke Alarm Installation Program  
Neil Brockway American Red Cross
- 1145 Fire Safety for the Sight Impaired  
Lisa Pruner, Catherine Summ CT DORS
- 1300 Side-by-Side Sprinkler Demonstration  
CT Fire Sprinkler Coalition
- 1330 Stocking Your Toolkit  
Kelly Ransdell NFPA
- 1430 Fire Safety for Audiences with Intellectual Disabilities  
Timothy Baldwin DDS
- 1530 Closing CFA Staff

**Attendance at this conference has been approved for 5 1/2 CT Fire Marshal CEU's**

## Conference Presenters

**Meri-K Appy, Vision 20/20**

Meri-K Appy is a leader in fire and life safety education with a proven track record in creating and implementing high-impact injury prevention initiatives. Appy served as Vice President for Public Education at NFPA from 1989 – 2003, as President of the Home Safety Council from 2003-2010, and as President of Safe Kids USA until December, 2011. Now head of her own consulting company, Meri-K is working on a number of national fire safety initiatives, including Vision 20/20 and an exciting new school-based program funded by AFG.

**Conference Presenters (cont.)**

**Neil Brockway**, American Red Cross

Neil is a Regional Disaster Officer for the American Red Cross in CT and has been involved in the smoke alarm installation programs in the state.

**Lisa Pruner, Catherine Summ**, CT DORS

Lisa Pruner is a certified teacher of children with visual impairments and blindness, working for CT DORS Bureau of Education and Services for the Blind. She has been working with preschoolers with visual impairments in Connecticut for more than 30 years.

Catherine Summ is the education supervisor of the Children's Services Division at the State of CT, Department of Rehabilitation Services, Bureau of Education Services for the Blind. She is a certified teacher of the visually impaired and has worked at BESB for 18 years.

**Kelly Randsell**, NFPA

Kelly Randsell is the Regional Education Specialist for the National Fire Protection Association covering the Southern and New England regions. Kelly is a member of Safe Kids Harnett County and recently joined the SKNC Steering Committee. Before joining NFPA staff in 2015, she worked as the Deputy Director of the North Carolina Department of Insurance- Office of State Fire Marshal overseeing the Prevention, Programs and Grants Division for nearly 15 years. In addition, she worked as the State Director of Safe Kids North Carolina which includes 42 coalitions covering 72 counties for 11 years.

**Timothy Baldwin**, DDS

Chief Baldwin has been with the Fire Department at Southbury Training School with DDS since 1998 and Fire Chief since 2006. He provides oversight as well as performs day to day functions for many of the fire safety initiatives and problem solving at DDS. He was instrumental in coordinating the standardized fire safety training that was developed through grant funding in collaboration with the Ct Fire Academy.

**Registration/Payment Form:**  
**CFPC**  
**34 Perimeter Rd.**  
**Windsor Locks, CT 06096-1069**  
**Fax: 860-654-1889**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Dept./Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Box if you would like to subscribe your email address to the CFPC listserv.

Are you 18 years of age or older? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No  
(No one under the age of 18 can participate in hands-on training)

**Returned Check Policy**

A \$25.00 fee will be assessed to all returned checks (insufficient funds/ stop payments, etc.) In order to complete registration after the receipt of a returned check, you must submit cash, money order or a bank check including the amount of tuition and the returned check fee to the registrar.

**ID Number** \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

**Your ID consists of the first (3) letters of your last name and the last (4) digits of your social security number.**

**As Chief of the (Fire Department)**

**Or as Supervisor of the (Organization)**

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby authorize the above applicant to participate in the program below and, therefore, understand that the above-named individual will be covered by my organization's Worker's Compensation Insurance while participating in such training, and that the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control, its commissioners, officers, agents or employees shall not be held liable for any injuries sustained during such training. This applicant is considered by my Department's standards to be physically and emotionally fit to perform firefighting/EMS evolutions without special considerations and where applicable.

**Chief/Supervisor Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

No application will be accepted without tuition and authorized signature.

Register me for the following course:

Course Title: **2017 Public Fire and Life Safety Educator Conference**

Course: Number: 18042 Tuition: \$25.00

**Method of Payment- Payment is required at time of registration. Do not send cash.**

Check payable to: CFPC

Purchase Order No.:

Visa or MC No: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Holders Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Holder's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Card security Code: \_\_\_\_\_