



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

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Dates: September 8th and 9th

Start time: 0900 hours

Course location: New Canaan Fire Department 60 Main Street New Canaan, CT 06840

Presented by CT Fire Academy Instructors: Albe Bassett & Kevin Munson Course Fee: \$40.00 Made Payable to New Canaan Fire Department

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2. House Appropriations Committee Approves Fiscal Year 2018 Homeland Security Spending Bill

On Tuesday, July 18th, the House Appropriations Committee approved [legislation funding the Department of Homeland Security for Fiscal Year 2018](#). The \$44.3 billion spending bill represents a nearly \$2 billion increase in spending for the Department compared to the current fiscal year.

The bill would fund the Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant programs at \$690 million, the same amount as the current fiscal year. The United States Fire Administration (USFA) would receive a slight cut from \$44 million for Fiscal Year 2017 to

\$43.41 million for Fiscal Year 2018. The Urban Search and Rescue System (USAR) and the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) would both be funded at essentially the same levels as the current fiscal year. The Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) would receive \$630 million, an increase of \$25 million over the current fiscal year.

Earlier this year, the White House released a Fiscal Year 2018 budget proposal that recommend significant cuts to the USAR, SHSGP and UASI programs.

3. The CT Fire Fighter Health & Safety Consortium is Seeking In-put

The Connecticut Fire Fighter Health and Safety Consortium is planning their “Inaugural CT Fire Fighter Health, Wellness and Fitness Week” for the coming fall season. We are seeking simple messages for our program guide from Peer Fitness Trainers, Safety Officers, H&S Officers or any other interested party that would like to contribute, career, volunteer, tribal, industrial or military. We are all in this together! It can be a phrase, suggested program, two lines with a good message or testimony that you tried something and it worked well. The areas we will be promoting are:

Nutrition

Cancer Prevention

Fitness

Behavioral Health/Peer Support

Medical Exams/Scene Rehab

Fire Ground Safety-Personal Responsibility

You may comment on one or all of these program areas. Please submit your thoughts to Chief Ron Kanterman, Wilton FD by email at: Ronald.kanterman@wiltonct.org.

Deadline for submissions is July 31. Please note that we will consider all ideas however not all can be used. As the program continues, we may be able to use the unused someplace down the road! Thanks.

4. Recruitment & Retention Seminar: Stress Management – Friday September 22, 2017

The Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association along with the International Fire Chiefs Association through the Volunteer Workforce Solutions brings you a full day recruitment and retention seminar that will discuss “stress management” in the fire service and fire service leadership. This seminar will highlight examples of how your department can promote wellness and handle stress at all levels, from Firefighter to Chief. Departments are encouraged to invite their elected officials, town managers, and others to contribute to the dialogue. There is no cost for this free seminar. See the attached flyer for further details.

This seminar is funded through a FEMA SAFER recruitment and retention grant awarded to the Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association.

5. CPAT Registration Extended

Due to registration issues, we have extended the registration dates as follows, special session scheduled for August 5, deadline is August 2.

CPAT fall session has been extended to August 9. If you have any trouble registering for these sessions, please send an email to CPAT@ct.gov.

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.

6. CFPC Listserv Subscriptions

We have received several inquiries of late from subscribers to the CFPC Listserv whose email addresses were deactivated. From time to time email addresses are deleted automatically by the system as a result of messages not being accepted by your internet service provider, or due to large file enclosures, or our emails inadvertently being identified as spam. Typically messages are transmitted weekdays Monday through Friday, therefore should you note you are not receiving messages for more than a couple of days feel free to contact kara.ouellette@ct.gov or jeff.morrisette@ct.gov who will verify your email address as active and if necessary re-subscribe you to the service.

7. Rescue Technician – Trench Rocky Hill - Cancelled

Due to low enrollment the August Course # 18030 has been cancelled

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2017

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION SEMINAR: "STRESS MANAGEMENT"

Full Day Seminar Event

Event Description:

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Topics include:

- Stress First Aid (*Vickie Taylor- Behavioral Health Specialist*)
- Brain Wellness (*Robin Grant Hall- Trauma and PTSD Specialist*)
- Stress Relief for Fire Chiefs (*Amy Goodwin- Director of Zag Fitness*)

DATE AND TIME: September 22nd from 9:30 AM - 4 PM (registration begins at 9 AM)

LOCATION: Keeney Ballroom, 200 Main Street, Wethersfield, CT, 06109

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: The seminar will be beneficial to all ranks! All departments in Connecticut are welcome to attend.

Please register by **September 15th, 2017** at
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/recruitment-and-retention-seminar-stress-management-tickets-35978531757>

Questions? Contact Adam D'Agostino at 703-896-4822 or adam.dagostino@iafc.org or Chief Fred Dudek at 860- 304-3206 or dudekaf@gmail.com.



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Breakfast and lunch will be provided to all attendees.

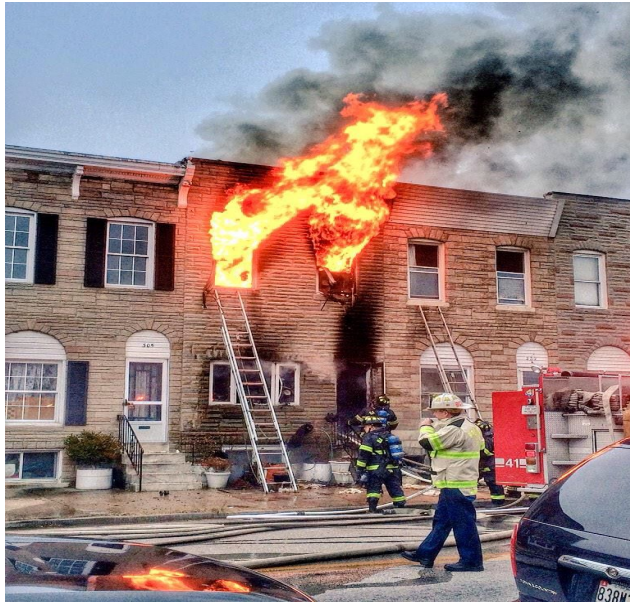
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