



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

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1. Rescue Technician – Trench Rocky Hill

August 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, and 20 with Practical Exam on the 27th.

This program will train the students to perform technician level trench rescue. The training objectives meet NFPA 1006 and OSHA 1926. Students will evaluate trenches and soil conditions; will learn to shore unprotected straight and intersecting trenches with both community and pneumatic shoring. They will also use supplemental shoring when needed. Students develop an action plan to manage and remove a victim from a trench accident. The PPE requirements are a protective helmet, footwear, gloves, eye protection, and work clothes. Training prerequisites: Rescue Technician Core and Hazardous Materials Operational; proof must be submitted with the application. Certification Examination Prerequisite: Rescue Technician Core and a minimum of EMR certification; proof must be submitted with the application. For certification to this level, an additional practical skills examination of one or two days plus a written test is required. Certification testing time: requires additional dates for certification written and practical exam. Class Hours: 48 Course Fee: \$490.00

Applications are available on our website.

<http://www.ct.gov/cfpc/cwp/view.asp?Q=574030&A=832&cfpcPNavCtr=#51838>

2. National Honor Guard Academy is Coming to CT

An incredible opportunity is coming soon to CT. The National Honor Guard Academy will be teaching at the CFA July 30-Aug 4. If your current Honor Guard needs some polishing or you are thinking about starting an honor guard, this is the workshop for you. Come learn first-hand where tradition meets precision.

The NHGA is one of the premier honor guard training units in the country. This week long course is dedicated to developing and elevating the ceremonial knowledge and skill level of honor guard units while reinforcing a sense of pride and compassion by upholding honor guard traditions with precise attention to detail. The NHGA specializes in providing honor guard training to firefighters, police officers, and EMS personnel.

See attached for more information

3. CFA 2017 Fall CPAT

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.

4. 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.

5. CT Fire Academy & Commission on Fire Prevention and Control - Direct Dial Numbers

For your convenience, please follow the link below to find a phone list with direct dial access numbers for staff members of the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control/CT Fire Academy.

<http://www.ct.gov/cfpc/cwp/view.asp?a=829&Q=245562>

Or check out our web page for possible answers to your questions

<http://www.ct.gov/cfpc/site/default.asp>

6. NIOSH Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program Reports

[Captain Suffers Sudden Cardiac Death After Performing Physical Fitness Training – Mississippi](https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/fire/reports/face201613.html)(<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/fire/reports/face201613.html>)

A captain performed fitness training by walking on a treadmill at his fire station. After exercising for about 20 minutes, he ate dinner and went to take a shower. About 75 minutes later, a crew member found the captain unresponsive in the shower room. The captain was pronounced dead at the station.

7. Firefighter Near Miss Report of the Week

Swift-Water Mishap in Full Turnout Gear

Summary

It's that time of year again: severe-weather season! In this ROTW, the value of doing an adequate and deliberate rescue profile and risk assessment before engaging in rescue efforts is highlighted.

Event Description

Hurricane damage and the ensuing hysteria that coincides with such an event put the responders in this report in a treacherous position. The crew of an engine company was given the assignment to search and evacuate nearby houses that had been affected by flooding from a recent hurricane. The crew found themselves in danger after they entered the water in full turnout gear with PFDs and found themselves needing to be rescued.

View the Report: [Swift water mishap in full turn-out gear](#)

Take-Aways

The reporter highlights the dangers of wearing turnout gear near the edge of any water, especially swift water. Water rescue can be misleading to responders; the appearance of the surface doesn't tell the story of what lies beneath it. Proper training and exercise, including at least swift-water awareness, is critical to establishing a best-practice approach to water rescues. When responders act without the proper training and equipment, they become liabilities and can have a severely negative impact on the initial rescue response.

Skills such as reading the current and understanding eddy pools and how to navigate turbulent water will help rescuers successfully mitigate the hazards they face when engaging in water rescue.

The biggest takeaway—this can't be emphasized enough—is to work within your scope of practice. Do a quick and thorough rescue profile to determine if the actions you're about to take are necessary or if you can protect in place until the right resources arrive on scene.

- Have you preplanned and done a thorough hazard assessment of target waterways or potential flood plains on your jurisdiction?

- Does your department have a certified dive rescue team? If not, do you have interagency agreements with neighboring jurisdictions to support any water rescue effort in your municipality?
- What level of training and certification does your department employ as objective criteria for personnel to engage in water rescue?
- Do you have a policy, procedure or guideline that defines who can enter the water and who can't and what the appropriate level of PPE is?

Leading Practices

Technical rescue is a skill set above and beyond the essential functions of a firefighter. Advanced training and exercise, supported by strong guidelines, are two of many ways to safely mitigate hazards like the ones called out in this report. At a minimum, fire departments that have actual or potential water hazards from severe weather need to preplan and train aggressively.

Obviously, hurricane season is a low-frequency, somewhat-predictable event we can plan for. However, creating a rescue plan after an event occurs puts rescuers and the community behind the curve and it can be impossible to catch up.

Related Near Miss Reports

- [Swiftwater rescue training leads to loss of throw bag](#)
- [Anchor point breaks loose during swift water training](#)
- [FFs pulled into water during swift water training](#)

Additional Resources

- [Swift Water Rescue Training - Dive Rescue International](#)
- [Dive Rescue International swift water rescue training – YouTube](#)
- [Swiftwater Safety Institute: Home](#)
- [Developing a Swift Water Rescue Plan](#)

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Honor Guard Academy

July 30-August 4, 2017

Hosted by the CT Commission on Fire Prevention and Control
& the CT Statewide Honor Guard

34 Perimeter Road; Windsor Locks, CT 06096

Contact host or NHGA web site for info on lodging options

This course is designed to provide Law Enforcement, Fire Department and EMS agencies the basics to develop their honor guard and color guard units. This course is intended to offer a unique training environment that will provide basic guidance for the standardization of training methods, instruction in proper drill movement and techniques, leadership enhancement, and team confidence building.

The course will cover the following material: basic drill and ceremonial movements, church and casket protocol, developing department SOPs for honor guards and color guards, public safety officer benefits, flag etiquette, honor guard commander leadership training, various types of funeral services, and honor guard and color guard history.

CT Commission on Fire Prevention and Control & CTHG

would like to invite you to join us for this excellent training opportunity.

Additional information available by contacting the

National Honor Guard Academy

www.nationalhonorguardacademy.com

(727) 487-3973

-Or-

Tim Pelton, Connecticut Statewide Honor Guard

tim@timpelton.com

(203) 213-0834

Kara Ouellette, Connecticut Fire Academy

kara.ouellette@ct.gov

(860) 627-6363 Ext. 231





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: _____