



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

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**1. Seymour Ambulance EMT-Basic Class**

Seymour Ambulance Association will be holding an EMT-Basic class beginning Tuesday, September 20, 2016 running through Thursday, January 12, 2017. The class will meet on Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00pm – 10:00pm, with 3 Saturday classes meeting 8:00am to 4:00pm. All class sessions will be held at Seymour Ambulance Association, 4 Wakeley Street Seymour. The cost of the course includes text, access to online course navigate, uniforms and online test prep. For more information or to register visit our web site at [www.seymourem.org/training](http://www.seymourem.org/training) or contact Lea Zwally at [lzwally@seymourem.org](mailto:lzwally@seymourem.org) or (203) 888-8843 Ext4.

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**2. Connecticut Fire Academy and the American Red Cross Hosting Blood Drive – 8/31**

Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today!

Site: Connecticut Fire Academy

Address: 34 Perimeter Road, Windsor Locks, CT, 06096 Room Name: Large Classrooms

Date: Wed Aug 31, 2016

Time: 1:00: PM - 6:00: PM

Coordinator Name: Christine Auletta

Click here to make an appointment <<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give/drive/driveSearchList.jsp?zipSponsor=>>>

The Red Cross has issued an Emergency Appeal for Blood to meet the needs of patients in the hospitals. All presenting donors will receive a \$5 Amazon Gift Card. Please make your appointment today!

The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.

Thank you for supporting the American Red Cross blood program!

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### **3. Rescue Week and Beyond – Save the Date**

The Connecticut Fire Academy is pleased to announce the pilot delivery of Rescue Week and Beyond – expanding the traditional Rescue Week to encompass the weeks between October 1<sup>st</sup> and October 28th. The course offerings for Rescue Week and Beyond have been designed to provide many new training opportunities and the new dynamic schedule includes evening and weekend offerings that will be more convenient and accessible for individuals working weekday shifts. New RIT and Rope Programs will include a competitive aspect, complete with trophies and exciting awards for winning teams. Course offerings have been expanded to meet the needs of a wider audience including career and volunteer Fire Service personnel, EMS providers, Fire Cadets/Explorers, USAR and CERT personnel. *Stay tuned for the detailed brochure and course application package for Rescue Week and Beyond!*

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### **4. 2016 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Workshops**

The application period for the 2016 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) is slated to open sometime in September. This is in contrast to the application periods of the last few years that have been in November and December. FEMA is starting its application development workshops soon and we have attached a copy of the 2016 AFG Workshop Schedule for your convenience. There is no need to register.

Workshop Sessions scheduled for Connecticut are as follows:

8/31 (Wednesday)	9:30AM	New Haven Regional Fire Training Academy	230 Ella Grasso
Blvd.,	New Haven, CT 06519		
8/31 (Wednesday)	7:00PM	Watertown Fire Department	935 Main
Street,	Watertown, CT 06795		
9/1 (Thursday)	9:30AM	Connecticut Fire Academy	34 Perimeter
Road,	Windsor Locks, CT 06096		
9/1 (Thursday)	6:00PM	Lebanon Fire Department	23 Goshen Hill
Road,	Lebanon, CT 06249		

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### **5. One Innocent Life Releases Video Trailer**

One Innocent Life a 501 3 (c) was born out of the tragic loss of 3 innocent lives in 2012 in an off campus housing fire near Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY. Our founder's daughter was one of those innocent lives. One Innocent Life was incorporated as a nonprofit in July 2015 to raise awareness and increase knowledge about fire safety. Our mission is to make fire everyone's fight. To make the most impact the organization's is focusing its message toward young adults 20 to 30 years of age.

With Campus Fire Safety Month coming in September and Fire Safety Month in October One Innocent Life is releasing five trailer videos with a fire safety message within them along with an experiential video we made in conjunction with Middletown's Fire Department and Wesleyan University. Take a look at our first trailer and please share our message on your social media page [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zLH19GJxp7w&ab\\_channel=OneInnocentLife](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zLH19GJxp7w&ab_channel=OneInnocentLife)

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## 6. Public Information Officer – Hurry Sign Up Today

The Public Information Officer class scheduled for Stamford on September 20 and 21 (Course #17025) is *in danger of cancellation because of low enrollment*. If you are interested please sign up ASAP by going to our website at [www.ct.gov/cfpc](http://www.ct.gov/cfpc). This class will instruct participants in the basic methods for establishing and maintaining a positive relationship with the news media. Discussion topics will cover: public disclosure laws; media relations; and news releases. Participants will learn the basics of preparing news releases, setting up press conferences, and the responsibilities of the Public Information Officer (PIO) at the scene of an emergency

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## 7. EMR Initial Training Course – Somers Fire Department

Instructor: William Meier III

Cost: \$550 includes texts

Please see attached

Registration Deadline: August 31, 2016

For more information or to register call 860-214-3649

or email [bm146@aol.com](mailto:bm146@aol.com)

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