



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

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**1. 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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**2. 45TH Annual Fire Apparatus Show and Muster - Saturday, September 10, 2016**

**The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Engine 260 Firefighter's Muster will be held on Saturday September 10, 2016 at Eisenhower Park, Milford Connecticut. Proceeds from this event benefit Camp Happiness – a summer camp held for children with special needs. Admission to the general public is free. Food and refreshments are available on site.**

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

08:00 Motorcade line-up at the Liberty Rock Shopping Plaza  
08:30 Firematic flea market opens at muster site  
09:00 Motorcade starts, leaving the Liberty Rock Plaza through Milford center ending at Eisenhower Park  
10:00 Opening ceremonies  
10:30 Competitions begin  
17:00 Awards and trophy presentations

Competitions include:

Arena pumping, lakeside draft, ladder climb, bucket brigade, tug-o-war, water barrel, midnight alarm and a new event called the structured hose lay.

For more information, visit our website at [www.engine260.org](http://www.engine260.org)

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### **3. First Annual Blue Hills Volunteer Fire Department Golf Tournament**

The Blue hills Volunteer Fire Department will be holding their first annual golf tournament Saturday October 1, 2016 with registration at 11am and a shotgun start at 12 noon. Banquet dinner and Silent Action will follow. Cost of the Tournament will be \$130.00 per golfer or \$500.00 for a foursome. If anybody wishing to just have dinner can also attend for \$45.00

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### **4. September 11th Memorial Event**

The Enfield Fire Department will be conducting a Memorial Ceremony on September 11<sup>th</sup> to commemorate the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack on this country during which so many people, including so many first responders and military personnel lost their lives. Area fire, police, EMS and military personnel as well as the public are invited to attend our parade and ceremony.

Please see attached

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### **5. Feds help Enfield FD Replace Breathing Gear**

#### **Reprinted from the Journal Inquirer**

The Enfield Fire Department received a \$376,400 federal grant this week that it will use to replace all the department's breathing apparatuses, which firefighters depend on to keep them alive and healthy when they enter the hot, toxic fumes that spew from a fire. The grant, awarded through the federal Homeland Security Department's Assistance to Firefighters' grant program, will be used to replace more than 45 self-contained breathing apparatuses, Chief Edward Richards said Friday. "That's a big nut," Richards said of the grant.

The chief said the breathing apparatuses, which protect firefighters in atmospheres considered immediately dangerous to life or health, have to be replaced every 10 years. He said his department's breathing apparatuses are due for replacement in November, so the grant is timely. "Without the grant, we still would've had to replace them, but it probably would have been a lease-purchase arrangement," he said. "It's a big deal." Richards said that being able to replace the breathing apparatuses, which consist of a facemask, air bottle, and backpack, all at once is better than replacing them piecemeal, which can lead to purchasing different types of equipment. "You can do it phased, but it can get inconvenient training people on two or three different types of air packs," he explained.

Richards said the breathing apparatuses, which the department will buy "very imminently," feature time-saving and safety advancements like "snap-on," instead of "screw-off," air bottles, and "pack-tracker" features that can help locate a firefighter in a dangerous atmosphere. "Ten years newer technology can make a huge difference in firefighter safety," he said. Under the grant's requirements, Richards said, the department has to pay 10 percent of the cost of the new equipment. But he wasn't complaining, noting that "\$37,000 is a lot easier than \$370,000." Richards credited Deputy Chief Paul Januszewski, who wrote the grant application, for helping the department secure the grant. He said Januszewski has helped the department get several grants over the years. "He probably has a 50 percent batting average with grants," the chief said. Richards also thanked U.S. Rep. Joseph D. Courtney, D-Connecticut, for his help in securing the grant. "The congressman and his office have been very helpful," he said. Courtney congratulated the department on being awarded the grant. "The members of the Enfield Fire Department put their lives on the line for their community every day, and it is critical that they have the upgraded equipment they need to come home safe," Courtney said in a statement. "By making our firefighters safer, we also make our communities safer, and I applaud Chief Richards and his team for their successful request for this funding."

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## **6. Upcoming EMT Programs from MedEd**

MedEd is happy to announce two upcoming EMT programs starting September 11th and 26th. Please see attached flyers for more information. Any questions please contact MedEd at 203-632-9247 or [mededstaff@mededct.com](mailto:mededstaff@mededct.com).

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## **7. Connecticut Fire Academy and the American Red Cross Hosting Blood Drive – 8/31 - **Tomorrow****

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=>](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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