



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

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1. Firefighter Amanda Pumm Bernier, North Madison Volunteer Fire Company – Information on Services

It is with great sadness that the North Madison Volunteer Fire Company announces the passing of Life Member Amanda Pumm Bernier.

Visiting hours for family, friends, and fire department personnel will be held at Swan Funeral Home, 825 Boston Post Rd, Madison CT from 11:00 to 19:00 hrs on Monday, September 26. Due to construction and congestion on Boston Post Rd, please do not bring apparatus.

Funeral services will be held at the North Madison Congregational Church, 1271 Durham Rd, Madison CT, on Tuesday, at 11:00 hrs on Tuesday, September 27. Any fire department wishing to participate should arrive at the North Madison Volunteer Fire Company station at 864 Opening Hill Road at 10:00 hrs. Apparatus are welcome.

Any questions should be referred to Chief Donald MacMillan at 203-627-3257.
Private interment will occur in Attica, New York the following week.

2. Special CPAT Session

Connecticut Fire Academy is offering a special session of CPAT this Fall. Candidates that register to attend will take CPAT under test conditions. Those that successfully pass will receive a CPAT completion certificate.

Registration is limited to 50 candidates per session. The special session will take place on October 23, 2016 beginning at 8am. The Registration fee is \$100 nonrefundable.

Please use the following link to register for the Special Session: <https://ctlms.ct.gov/Saba/Web/Main> All those interested must use the online system.

The CFA is not accepting registrations for the special CPAT session over the phone, faxed, or mailed applications.

For further information or questions, please contact CPAT Program Manager Jason Decremer at 860-264-9242 or jason.decremer@ct.gov

3. Handling Elevator Emergencies at the Stamford Regional Fire School

October 19 & 20, 2016 / November 8 & 9, 2016

This course is designed for the trained professionals that respond to emergencies involving stalled elevators. Emergency personnel with inadequate training in Handling Elevator Emergencies are exposed to an increased risk of injury or death to both the victim and themselves. This comprehensive course will provide emergency responders with intensive classroom and hands-on training on how to safely and effectively remove passengers from stalled elevators. Please see the attached announcement for class details. Application is also attached. **Limited seats remain apply now.**

Please contact Lieutenant Patrick-Colin Burns Pburns@stamfordct.gov for availability and to reserve your seat.

4. Falls Village Truck Pull

The Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department will hold a Truck Pull on Sunday, October 2 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 108 Route 63, Falls Village, CT. Truck Pull, Vendors, Food & Lots More!! General Admission is \$10, Kids 12 & under Free! All proceeds benefit the Falls Village Vol. F.D. See attached flyer for additional information.

5. GoFundMe Page for Firefighter Bill Deford

For those who don't know Bill Deford, he is a loving husband, father, firefighter, instructor, friend and a mentor to many. Bill is known for his energy, knowledge, strength, and passion for firefighting and physical fitness. Bill is also a firefighter for Longmeadow Fire and an instructor at the CT Fire Academy. Bill is the lead physical fitness instructor at the CT Fire Academy and has always been known for his tremendous strength, athletic ability and healthy lifestyle. It is heartbreaking to hear an extremely healthy man, fellow firefighter to be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. This sad news has not only affected Bill and his family, but those who have met him or been impacted by him in some way. All the hard work and time bill has donated to the community let's do the same and support the Deford Family during this time.

A gofundme page has been set up to help the Deford Family
<https://www.gofundme.com/2mg7m3u4>

6. NFPA Fire Prevention Week Webinar

The NFPA will host a Connecticut Fire Prevention Week Webinar on September 29th from 3:30-4:30. This website will highlight the many aspects of this year's educational campaign and the ways that the fire service can create awareness and educate communities about fire safety. Click on the link below for information.

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0A4DABA72AA3FD0-connecticut

7. Congress Continues Work on Continuing Resolution as Deadline Looms

Congress is making the final push to approve a [continuing resolution](#) before the fiscal year ends on September 30, 2016. On Tuesday, September 20th, the Senate agreed to move to consideration of a measure that would keep the federal government functioning under current spending levels until December 9, 2016. This is necessary to allow Congress to complete work on Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17) spending bills. Even though both the House and Senate Appropriations Committees have completed work on all the [FY17 spending bills](#), not a single appropriations measure has been approved by both chambers and sent to the White House for the President's signature.

Although the Senate has made some progress on the temporary spending measure, differences remain over funding levels to combat the Zika virus and provide assistance for the flooding in the Southeast. Additional, members of Congress are debating whether to include funds to address lead-contaminated waters in Flint, MI.

The Senate could vote on the continuing resolution the afternoon of Tuesday, September 27th, but the two sides will need to resolve their differences to ensure passage of the measure. Should the Senate approve the bill, the House is currently operating under modified rules that will allow for expedited consideration and approval of the bill.

8. 2017 National Fire & Emergency Services Symposium Call for Seminar Proposals

The Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) is announcing an official Call for Proposals for the 2017 National Fire and Emergency Services Symposium. The Symposium will be held in Washington, DC on Wednesday, April 5, 2017, the day before the 29th Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner.

Seminar proposals must meet the following criteria to be considered:

- Seminars should focus on federal policy or issues that are national in scope, and have a positive impact on the nation's fire and emergency services. Seminars intended solely to promote for-profit programs and activities that specifically benefit an organization will not be considered.
- Seminars are limited to 50 minutes in length.
- Where applicable, proposed panelists and moderators should represent a variety of national organizations and fire service disciplines.
- Proposals must be submitted to CFSI no later than October 28, 2016. All submissions should be emailed to Sean Carroll, CFSI's Director of Government Affairs at scarroll@cfsi.org or mailed to:

Congressional Fire Services Institute
ATTN: Sean Carroll/2017 Seminar Proposals
1530 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 520
Arlington, VA 22209

Proposals must include the following information:

- Seminar title;
- Seminar description and objectives (minimum 200-word narrative);
- Names of panelists and moderators with biographical information (minimum 200 words per biography);
- Statement explaining how the proposed seminar aligns with CFSI's mission to advance the readiness and response capabilities of all first responders;
- Statement explaining how the applicant will help CFSI promote the seminar and the 2017 National Fire and Emergency Services Symposium and Dinner;
- A primary point of contact for the submission, including name, phone number, and email address.

All proposals will be reviewed by CFSI's staff and the Programmatic Subcommittee of CFSI's National Advisory Committee. Applicants must agree to work with CFSI to finalize participants, produce relevant materials, and promote the seminars series. CFSI reserves the right to make changes to panelists and seminar content.

Questions regarding this Call for Proposals should be directed to Sean Carroll, CFSI's Director of Government Affairs, at scarroll@cfsi.org or (202) 371-1277.

9. Curt Varone Seminar to Benefit Torrington DC Chris Pepler

This seminar has been approved by the Office of the Connecticut State Fire Marshal for 5 Continuing Education Credits.

Please register today, we want to fill every seat to maximize the benefit for DC Pepler.

Online Registration: <http://pepler.ezregister.com>

Digital Imagery & Social Media have been both a blessing and a curse for the fire service, but one thing is undeniable: despite the problems digital imagery and social media are here to stay. The law that applies to social media has been evolving and continues to evolve, with new cases and considerations arising daily. This program focuses on the latest digital imagery and social media cases affecting the fire service, and the lessons learned for fire departments and firefighters.

Thursday, 11/10/16 8:30AM-4:30PM

Farmington Gardens, 999 Farmington Avenue, Farmington, CT

Tickets are \$75 each. Lunch is included.

Prepayment Required.

Make Checks Payable To: Torrington Fire Fighters' Local 1567

Memo: DC Pepler Benefit

Mail To: 849 Middletown Road, Colchester, CT 06415 Provide an Email Address for reservation confirmation.

All proceeds from this event will benefit Torrington Deputy Fire Chief Christopher Pepler, who has been courageously battling cancer for the past year. Chief Pepler has become an outspoken advocate for fire fighters to take steps to protect themselves from being exposed to known carcinogens. East Hartford Fire Chief John Oates will open the morning seminar with a presentation on Fire Fighter Cancer Prevention.

10. Rescue Week and Beyond- Date Change Course #17112

DATE CHANGE FROM THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6th, 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. to FRIDAY, October 7th, 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. for Basic Rigging, Rigging Hardware & Equipment Safety.

Rescue Companies and Search and Rescue Teams are increasingly carrying and using rigging equipment designed for the Crane and Towing/Recovery industries. The improper use and care of this equipment not only increases the chances of a failed operation, it increases the chances of injury or death to the victim and the rescuers. The Crosby Group will present a four -hour training program that covers: risk management and the basic rigging plan; loads on rigging and the rigging triangle; application of hardware; inspection of hardware; application of slings; and the inspection of slings. Any responder who may be called on to utilize wire rope, chain, slings, or the associated hardware should take this training. It could be a life saver.

Friday, October 7th – 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Also Course #17110 Advanced Vehicle Extrication is now Full

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