



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

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1. CSFA Firefighter Wage Replacement Cancer Bill FAQ's

Attached, please find the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) sheet compiled by the Connecticut State Firefighters Association concerning the Cancer Bill and associated benefits passed during the 2016 Legislative Session.

The FAQ sheet is also available on the following link for download from the CSFA website at: <http://csfa.org/faqs-about-the-new-wage-replacement-benefits-law-for-ct-firefighters-with-cancer/>

2. Connecticut Fire Department Instructors' Association Annual Dinner Meeting

The annual dinner meeting of the CFDIA will be held on **Thursday**, October 6, 2016 at the Manor Inn Restaurant; 1636 Meriden-Waterbury Turnpike; Milldale, CT. There will be a social hour starting at 6:00 PM with the dinner being served at 7:00 PM. Please see attached flyer for more details.

The Richard Sylvia Instructor of the Year award will be presented to Alan Zygmunt and the Harry Kelly Award will be presented to Richard McDonough. The Guest Speaker will be NFPA Fire Code Regional Director Steven Sawyer who will give an update on *NFPA Pro Qual and Fire Service Training*.

The cost for the dinner will be \$35.00 per person. Guests are welcome! Please RSVP to Richard McDonough at chiefmcdonough1@cox.net.

Please join us to recognize Alan and Richard on their well-deserved awards.

3. CFA Rescue Week & Beyond – Focus on Rapid Intervention Teams: Combat Drills

Focus on **Rapid Intervention Teams: Combat Drills** offered on 10/07 & 10/24

This challenging training exercise will involve a brief review on RIT tactics and practices and then transition into a real-time series of scenarios that will commence with a MAYDAY being transmitted. Students will be divided into four-member Rapid Intervention Teams and will be directed and supported by a RIT Command and RIT Operations element. Teams will have access to two basic RIT caches and an engine and ladder company apparatus and equipment.

This unique opportunity will empower students to test out their RIT knowledge, skills and their Department's RIT practices as they work to locate, aid and rescue members in distress. ***Rapid Intervention Teams: Combat Drills*** is also a competitive event. Teams will be observed and scored on key performance benchmarks, with all members of the highest-ranked team earning a **free admission to their choice of one Seminar Series Program.**

If you want to challenge yourself in a team-based environment, test out existing skills and learn new ones, this is an opportunity that you should jump on! Teams of students from the same organization or mutual aid group are encouraged to attend together.

4. CT Fire Equipment Mechanics Association September Business and Educational Meeting - **Tonight**

The Connecticut Fire Equipment Mechanics Associations Monthly Business & Educational Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 beginning at 7:00 pm at the New Haven Regional Fire Academy.

5. 2016 State Building & Fire Safety Codes

All Building Officials and Fire Marshals,

The Office of the State Building Inspector (OSBI) and the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) are pleased to announce that the 2016 State Building Code and 2016 State Fire Safety Code have been approved and will be effective for all permit applications made on or after October 1, 2016. For the next three to four months, projects with designs based on the 2005

codes, in progress before October, may apply for a modification if meeting the 2016 codes is impractical. Requests after that time must have a substantial, documented reason for the request, such as a delay in land use approvals, funding problems, etc.

The SBC includes the 2012 ICC family of codes, the 2009 Edition of ICC/ANSI AS117.1 for accessibility, and the 2014 National Electrical Code, with CT amendments.

The SFSC includes portions of the 2012 International Fire Code as Part III, and the existing buildings portions of the 2012 NFPA 101 as Part VI, with CT amendments.

The CT amendment documents can be downloaded from our websites: OSBI Web Site and OSFM Web Site.

Joe Cassidy
State Building Inspector

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State Fire Marshal

OSBI Website Link:

http://www.ct.gov/dcs/lib/dcs/office_of_state_building_inspector_files/2016_ct_state_building_code_effective_10-1-2016.pdf

OSFM Website Link:

http://www.ct.gov/dcs/lib/dcs/office_of_state_building_inspector_files/2016_ct_state_fire_safety_code_effective_10-1-2016.pdf

6. How often do smoke alarms need to be replaced? A national survey shows most Americans don't know...

Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 9-15, 2016, promotes the importance of replacing smoke alarms every 10 years

How often should the smoke alarms in your home be replaced? If you don't know, you're not alone. A national survey conducted by the [National Fire Protection Association](#) (NFPA) shows that nine out of 10 Americans don't know how often [smoke alarms](#) need to be replaced. The correct answer: every 10 years.

As the official sponsor of [Fire Prevention Week](#), NFPA is promoting this year's campaign theme, "[Don't Wait - Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years.](#)" to better educate the public about this potentially life-saving message.

"While the public generally knows that smoke alarms play an important role in home fire safety, some smoke alarm messages are not as well understood," says Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy for NFPA. "Not knowing how often smoke alarms need to be replaced - or that they even have an expiration date - are among them."

According to Carli, that lack of awareness means some U.S. homes may have smoke alarms that have outlasted their full functionality, putting people at increased risk in the event of a home fire. NFPA statistics show that three out of five U.S. home fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarms or no working alarms.

Key Survey Findings:

- Half of Americans (50 percent) have three or more smoke alarms in their current home
- Almost one in five Americans who have smoke alarms (19 percent) say the oldest smoke alarm they currently have in their home is 10+ years old
- Nearly one in five Americans who have smoke alarms (18 percent) are not at all sure how old the oldest smoke alarm they currently have in their home is
- When asked how often they should replace smoke alarms, nine in 10 Americans (90 percent) did not select the correct answer, which is once every 10 years

“Working smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in a home fire in half,” said Carli. “That’s why it’s so important to make sure they’re working properly.”

A smoke alarm’s age can be determined by looking on the back or side of the smoke alarm, where the date of manufacture can be found. Smoke alarms should be replaced 10 years from that date (*not* the date of purchase or installation). In addition, smoke alarms should be tested monthly, and batteries should be replaced when they begin to chirp, signaling that they’re running low.

Fire departments throughout the U.S. and Canada play a key role in making Fire Prevention Week an annual success by implementing the campaign in their communities; departments throughout North America will be hosting open houses and other local events throughout the week of October 9-15.

For more information on smoke alarms and this year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign, visit www.firepreventionweek.org.

7. Employment Opportunity – Fire Inspector – Town of Orange

The Town of Orange Fire Marshal’s Office is seeking an experienced individual to fill a part-time position of Fire Inspector effective 11/1/16. Duties include compliance inspections in accordance with the CT State Fire Code, and other fire prevention oriented duties. Requires current State of Connecticut Fire Code Inspector Certification. Work schedule is 15 hours per week 8:30 am-4:30 pm. Submit resume to First Selectman James M Zeoli, c/o Town Hall, 617 Orange Center Rd., Orange, CT 06477, or email to jzeoli@orange-ct.gov by 4:30 pm, October 14, 2016. See the attached position description.

8. 22nd Annual Firefighters/EMS Mass Diocese of Norwich

The Diocese of Norwich 22nd Annual Firefighters/EMS Mass will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2014 at St. Patrick Cathedral 213 Broadway in Norwich. Assembly and Procession at 3 p.m. Mass at 5 p.m. Honor Guard and Apparatus are encouraged to participate. See the attached flyer for additional information.

9. Hydrogen Safety Training for First Responders

The Connecticut Fire Academy will host a Hydrogen Safety Training for First Responders program presented by the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory on Thursday, November 10, 2016 at the CT Fire Academy from 8:30 a.m. to Noon. Hydrogen fuel cell vehicles and support infrastructure is anticipated to arrive in Connecticut and neighboring states in the spring of 2017. The program will include 3 hour classroom lecture followed by an inspection of a Fuel Cell Vehicle. To register for this **Free** program email Kim Taylor, CFA Registrar at Kim.Taylor@CT.GOV or call (860) 264-9238. Provide your name, affiliation and email address. **3 FM Credits Approved**

See the attached flyer for additional information.