



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

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**1. CFA and CFA Bookstore News**

The staff offices of the Commission on Fire Prevention & Control/CT Fire Academy and the CFA Bookstore will be closed Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Good Friday holiday. Also, the CFA Bookstore will be closed Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, and Monday April 17<sup>th</sup> due to staff vacation. The Bookstore will re-open Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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**2. Squantz Engine Company Wet Down**

Squantz Engine Company will hold a Wet Down of their new Engine 12 on Saturday, April 22 from noon to 4 p.m. at 255 Route 39 in New Fairfield, CT. The public is invited. Barbeque and T-Shirts available. See attached.

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**3. Fire Truck Show at the Connecticut Trolley Museum**

The Connecticut Trolley Museum is holding their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Fire Truck Show on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The museum is located at 58 North Road in East Windsor, CT. See the attached flyer for additional information. Also note the museum is looking for departments to bring their fire truck. If interested, contact Gina Maria Alimberti, Business Manager CT Trolley Museum 860-627-6540x14

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#### **4. Middlefield Volunteer Fire Company Golf Tournament**

The Middlefield Volunteer Fire Company will hold their annual Golf tournament on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at **Lyman Orchards Golf Club - Gary Player Course** **70 Lyman Road, in Middlefield, CT**

8:00 AM Breakfast

9:00 AM Shotgun Start

Following golf, we will conclude with a delicious buffet dinner, followed by an awards ceremony.

Attached is our flyer for this year's tournament. Please pass it along to anyone else who is interested. You can fill it out and send it in to us, either by mail or by scanning and emailing it!

You can also register for a sponsorship or to participate in the tournament online at [www.middlefieldfirect.org](http://www.middlefieldfirect.org)

For any questions, contact us at:

**MVFC Golf Tournament**

**P.O. Box 141**

**Middlefield, CT 06455**

[golf@middlefieldfirect.org](mailto:golf@middlefieldfirect.org)

**860-349-7124**

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#### **5. NFPA Seeking Rural Fire Department Members**

The NFPA is hosting a fire and life safety symposium on May 12 & 13 in the Boston area to bring together representatives from rural fire departments across North America. See the attached notice for information on how to be considered as a participant. The NFPA will cover travel, lodging, and meal expenses for invited participants.

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#### **6. IAFC VCOS Report from the Chairman**

##### **The Training Officer Recognition Award**

The VCOS and [TargetSolutions](#) are pleased to announce the opening of the application period for the [Training Officer Recognition Award](#), which is designed to acknowledge exemplary conduct befitting a training officer. The award will recognize an individual who has

demonstrated a significant role in fire service training through creativity, commitment to best practices and operational effectiveness at their department.

Nominations are due by May 31. The winner will receive their award at [Fire-Rescue International](#) (FRI) in Charlotte, North Carolina, on July 27 at the VCOS annual meeting.

Expenses for conference registration, flight and a three-night hotel stay will be covered. The winner is expected to fully participate in education and networking opportunities at FRI. VCOS thanks TargetSolutions for sponsoring this award.

### **VCOS Election**

There are 17 candidates running for the three open VCOS at-large director positions. The VCOS election is being conducted in conjunction with the IAFC election; online voting will open on April 27 and go through June 8.

In the meantime, please read the [candidate statements on the VCOS election page](#) to learn more about them. You'll find more information about the election on the page as well.

Keep an eye out for the IAFC and VCOS ballot. You'll receive one email with voting instructions for all IAFC and section elections on April 27.

### **IAFC 2nd Vice President Election**

The VCOS Board of Directors voted to endorse Chief Dan Eggleston for IAFC second vice president. Chief Eggleston is currently the fire chief of Albemarle County (Virginia) Fire Rescue. He is also the VCOS international director on the IAFC Board and on the IAFC and VCOS executive committees. More information about Chief Eggleston and his campaign are available on his [campaign website](#).

### **VCOS Symposium in the Sun**

The [VCOS Symposium in the Sun](#), the IAFC's original conference supporting members of the VCOS section, is back November 9-12 in Clearwater, Florida, and with a [new education format](#). We've eliminated the preconference sessions and extended the symposium by a day to give you more time to network with presenters, peers and exhibitors.

Registration sold out in 2016, so be among the first to secure your spot and make your hotel reservation!

[Register Now](#)

### **Follow Us on Social Media!**

We hope you'll [like us on Facebook](#) if you haven't already. In addition, [follow us on Twitter @IAFC\\_VCOS](#). Use social media to stay connected, network with others and see all the latest VCOS news.

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## **7. Employment Opportunity – Firefighter/Paramedic – Town of East Hartford**

The Town of East Hartford is currently accepting applications for the position of Firefighter/Paramedic.

The East Hartford Fire Department (EHFD) is a busy, full-service organization serving a population of approximately **52,000** residents from five fire stations.

Applicants must be 18 years old and have a high school diploma (or GED). To be eligible to take the written test, the applicant will need to present a photo identification and meet the following criteria:

- Possess a State of Connecticut Paramedic License (or National Registry Paramedic Certification)

**OR**

- Proof (letter from college) of expected completion from a paramedic program by December 31, 2017.

**AND**

- A Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) certificate received after July 1, 2016, or proof of registration with a licensed CPAT Center.

### **Please Note:**

*The EHFD's entry level hiring process includes the creation of an eligibility list. This list has an initial certification date, and an expiration date. The duration of the list can be 1 to 2 years. To be eligible to receive a conditional offer of employment, the candidate must possess the following at the time of the job offer:*

- 1. A CPAT card with a test date not more than one calendar year prior to the date of the job offer.*
- 2. A valid Connecticut Paramedic License or National Registry Paramedic Certification.*

Application deadline is 4:30 p.m., Monday, May 1, 2017.

The Town of East Hartford is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

The posting can be found here: [http://www.easthartfordct.gov/sites/easthartfordct/files/uploads/firefighter-paramedic\\_2017.pdf](http://www.easthartfordct.gov/sites/easthartfordct/files/uploads/firefighter-paramedic_2017.pdf)

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## 8. Firefighter Near Miss Report of the Week

### Ammonia Leak Separates Entry Team

#### Summary

This report on the importance of precision language and the need for communication between hot-zone entrants and command shows how a routine call can go wrong.

#### Event Description

A dedicated hazmat-response team made a regular entry into a local beverage plant to locate a leaking ammonia valve and stop the leak. The entry team had years of experience and were comfortable working in IDLH atmospheres, in Level-A ensembles. The team was also used to not using radios for communications, due to the radios not being intrinsically safe.

As the team headed downrange into the building, they were immediately met by an ammonia cloud that severely inhibited their ability to see. Although this was coupled with the ambient noise, the team proceeded to the target, the leaking valve. During the trip, they used information from the property representative to navigate the building and find the valve as a team of two—or so they thought.

Once one of the team members secured the leak, he turned and noticed that he had become separated from his partner. Both team members fell back on their survival skills and made an attempt to reunite, but were not successful.

Knowing the severity of the situation and with air supply now getting low, the decision to exit the building and notify command was made. Both members made it out safely, free from injury. View the Report: [Hazmat call poses problem for entry team](#)

#### Take-Aways

In today's fire service, we're lucky to have the advancements in technology and communications. Part of every hazmat entry should be a communication plan, ensuring that all members who are entering the hot zone have a radio, Bluetooth or wireless communication to maintain contact with one another and command.

Knowing the limitations of working in chemical-protective clothing is essential for safe entry.

Training and exercise in simulated IDLH environments will help overcome dangerous limitations and allow first responders to do the job they're trained to do. Take time to sit down with your team and identify relevant safety criteria that should be part of every incident action plan (IAP) for hazmat entry.

### Discussion

- Does your hazmat team use a standardized IAP for hot-zone entry?
- Do you have a backup communication plan, such as using hand signals, in the event you lose communications functionality while downrange?
- Is loss of communications an automatic abort criteria that would have your entrants immediately leave the hot zone?
- What standard communication terms and signals do you use if you're going into an IDLH environment?

### Leading Practices

Training and exercise are the easiest way to establish safe hazmat-entry paradigms. Level-A entry is a high-risk/ low-frequency occurrence. First responders don't get the opportunity to get a lot of the real-life experience, so training needs to be designed to make it as real as possible.

Using social media, the internet and networking within your neighboring jurisdictions can help define how to continually evolve and make your scenes safer. Two great resources are the [IAFC](#) and the [IAFF](#); both groups have extensive information on their websites.

### Related Near Miss Reports

- [Hazmat Technician Has Leak Around Wrist](#)
- [Hydrazine Hazmat Causes Concern](#)
- [Mercaptan Leak Injures Three Firefighters](#)

### Additional Resources

- [ESTAR: A Concept for Support of Firefighter Frontline Communication](#)
- [USFA Technical Report: Improving Firefighter Communications \(PDF\)](#)
- [FireEngineering.com Article: Hazardous Materials Preparedness: Training for All-Hazards Response](#)
- [FireRescue1.com Article: L.A. firefighters respond to hazardous materials investigation](#)

# WET DOWN

**YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO THE WETDOWN OF  
SQUANTZ ENGINE COMPANY'S NEW**

**Barbecue  
Food**

**T-Shirts**

**ENGINE 12**



**SATURDAY April 22nd NOON - 4PM**

**255 RTE 39, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT**



# Fire Truck Show, May 20th

## Connecticut Trolley Museum

Visitors will have the opportunity to get up close and personal with all aspects of the firefighting industry including over twenty fire trucks to view. During your visit you will also learn more about the Fire Truck Museum's collection along with local Fire Stations equipment & vehicles. For the convenience of all, food and refreshments will be available for purchase.

### Activities include

- Climb aboard Fire Trucks
- Try on Turnout Gear
- Watch Fire Hose Demonstrations
- Kid's Smoke Trailer Simulator
- Unlimited Trolley rides
- Scavenger Hunt
- Dress up as Junior Motorman

*Activities are included with the price of admission*



Every child  
receives a  
souvenir Fire  
Hat!

58 North Rd ■ East Windsor, CT ■ 06088 ■ 860-627-6540 ■ [www.ct-trolley.org](http://www.ct-trolley.org) ■ 10am - 4:30pm  
Adults \$10.00 • Seniors \$9.00 • Children \$7.00 (ages 4-12) • Members & ages 3 and under free

# MIDDLEFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

*Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

7:30 A.M. Registration and Breakfast

9:00 A.M. Shotgun Start, Scramble Format, Gary Player Course

2:30 P.M. Buffet Dinner and Awards Ceremony under the tent

At Lyman Orchards Golf Club  
70 Lyman Road, Middlefield, CT 06455

**\$135.00 per golfer**  
**Or \$520 per foursome**

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### Sponsorships

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Alarm: Title Sponsor - \$2,500

- Two complimentary foursomes
- Two tee/green signs 18" x 24"
- Large banner under the tent for dinner
- Recognition as the Title Sponsor

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Alarm: Dinner Sponsor - \$1,500

- One complimentary foursome
- One tee/green sign 18" x 24"
- One sign/banner at the tent for dinner

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Alarm: Beverage Cart Sponsor-\$1,000

- One complimentary foursome
- One 18" x 24" sign on beverage cart

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm: Tee Sponsor Package - \$600

- One complimentary foursome
- One 18" x 24" tee sign

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Alarm: Cart Sponsor - \$350

- Company logo on every player's golf cart.

#### Contest Hole Sponsor - \$250

- One 18" x 24" sign on the contest holes (Closest to the Pin & Longest Drive)

#### Tee Sponsor - \$100

- One 18" x 24" sign at the tee

#### Friend of Middlefield Fire - \$50

- Booster ad
- Name printed in tournament program

#### Donor -

- Donations in any amount are welcome.

#### Prize Donor -

- Any prize donations are welcome.

**ALL REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2017**

Register online at [www.middlefieldfirect.org](http://www.middlefieldfirect.org)

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- 1<sup>st</sup> Alarm: Cart Sponsor - \$350
- Contest Hole Sponsor - \$250
- Tee Sponsor - \$100
- Friend of Middlefield Fire - \$50
- Donor
- Prize Donor: Prize \_\_\_\_\_

## Business / Sponsor Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name to appear on sign or banner: \_\_\_\_\_  
Artwork included? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Emailed \_\_\_

## Registration:

- Foursome Registration - \$520.00
- Single Registration - \$135.00
- Dinner only ticket - \$50.00

Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Check: \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Team Captain

Player 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 4 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2016.**

Please make checks payable to Middlefield Vol. Fire Co.

And return to *Middlefield Fire Golf Tournament, P.O. Box 141, Middlefield, CT 06455*

REGISTER ONLINE AT [WWW.MIDDLEFIELDIRECT.ORG](http://WWW.MIDDLEFIELDIRECT.ORG)

For additional information or questions, please contact:



[golf@middlefieldirect.org](mailto:golf@middlefieldirect.org) or call 860-349-7124



## **NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**

The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards

### **Seeking rural fire department members!**

NFPA is hosting a fire and life safety symposium on May 12 & 13, 2017 in the Boston area to bring together representatives from rural fire departments across North America. The symposium will help NFPA assess fire and life safety education needs and gain a clear picture of rural fire department challenges related to prevention. Participants will help us better serve rural and volunteer fire departments in their public education, prevention, and Community Risk Reduction efforts.

#### **Who should attend?**

Symposium attendees will be members of rural fire departments within North America and should have an interest in fire and life safety education. We hope to bring together a dynamic group of representatives who span fire department roles, geographical regions, and levels of experience in education and prevention.

If you are interested in attending, please complete the [online survey](#). Your input on this survey will help us invite the right mix of rural firefighters.

The survey will be open through March 15, 2017. Invitations will be extended to selected participants by March 20, 2017.

**NFPA will cover travel, lodging, and meal expenses for invited participants.**

For more information about the Rural Fire and Life Safety Symposium, go to [www.nfpa.org/rural](http://www.nfpa.org/rural) or contact Karen Berard-Reed at [kbreed@nfpa.org](mailto:kbreed@nfpa.org).

Web address to the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RuralInterest>