



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

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**1. New England Fire/Rescue/EMS 2017 – Save the Date – June 21-24, 2017**

New England Association of Fire Chiefs Fire/Rescue/EMS Expo June 21-24, 2017 at Foxwoods Resort & Casino. *For more information visit The New England Association of Fire Chiefs website:*

[www.newenglandfirechiefs.org](http://www.newenglandfirechiefs.org)

*Rooms will sell out quickly book your reservations today!*

*For Hotel Reservations use the following link to receive contracted discount room rates.*

<https://aws.passkey.com/go/NEAFC2017>

Please see attached for more information.

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**2. 2017 CT EMS Awards**

Nomination applications are now being accepted for the 2017 CT EMS Awards. The nomination deadline has been extended through April 28, 2017. See the attached list of awards available for selection. Please visit the Connecticut EMS Regional Councils Website to learn more and to VOTE! [www.ctemscouncils.org](http://www.ctemscouncils.org)

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**3. USFA Free Plain Language and Messaging Webinar**

The U.S. Fire Administration will be hosting a free Plain Language and Messaging Webinar on Thursday, May 4, 2017 2–3pm EDT

Free for all to attend Attendance is limited so register for the webinar today!  
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5077994779390232579>

You are invited to join the fourth webinar in [U.S. Fire Administration's](#) (USFA) Fire is Everyone's Fight™ Webinar Series. This presentation will discuss plain language and literacy principles to assist you and your organization as you prepare prevention and public education materials. Presenter Teresa Neal will cover writing and layout principles that make materials understood by the general public as well as high-risk populations.

Teresa is the lead for USFA's public education program as part of the Prevention and Information Branch. She has been with USFA for thirteen years. She manages Fire is Everyone's Fight™. Teresa is USFA's liaison to NFPA's Educational Messaging Advisory Committee.

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#### **4. Westport Volunteer EMS Hosting EMT Class**

Westport Volunteer EMS is hosting an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Course beginning April 24 and ending July 17, with space remaining.

This class is open to anyone at least 16 years old. The class will meet Monday's and Wednesday evenings 6-10 p.m. and Saturday's or Sunday's 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuition is \$1,250 with course tuition reimbursement available.

See the attached for additional information and registration.

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#### **5. 5th Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Golf Tournament**

Dear Potential Golfer/Sponsor:

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation was created by the United States Congress to lead a nationwide effort to remember America's fallen firefighters. Since 1992, the nonprofit foundation has developed and expanded programs to honor fallen fire heroes and assist their families and coworkers.

In an effort to support this great cause your company can help by golfing or being a sponsor for the 5th Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Golf Tournament of Connecticut. The tournament will be held on June 12, 2017 at Stanley Golf Course in New Britain.

All proceeds will help the Foundation continue to support the families and co-workers of fallen firefighters.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,  
The NFFF Golf Tournament of Connecticut Committee

**Special Thanks to Five Star Fire/Sutphen who have already committed to being the “Commissioner” Title Sponsor for the tournament.**

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## **6. 12th Annual Ride-4-Justin Benefit Motorcycle Ride - Sunday May 7th 2017**

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride-4-Justin Benefit Motorcycle Ride will be held on Sunday, May 7, 2017. All proceeds from this event fund the **Justin Wisniewski Firefighters Scholarship Fund Inc.** Please visit our website at: Please see our website, [www.Ride4Justin.com](http://www.Ride4Justin.com) for pictures and info.

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## **7. Firefighter Near Miss Report of the Week**

### **Medic Unit is Demolished in High-Speed Collision**

#### **Summary**

An ambulance, responding with lights and siren, was hit by another vehicle when they slowed to turn around on a divided highway. Both vehicles received extensive damage and all parties in both vehicles were transported.

#### **Event Description**

A medic unit was responding with lights and sirens to an incident on a divided highway. The medic-unit crew was planning to use the next available emergency turnaround; one was identified and other traffic was noted to be slowing behind the medic unit.

After the medic unit committed to the counterclockwise maneuver to use the turnaround, a motorist attempted to pass the unit at nearly 80 MPH. The vehicle struck the ambulance near the driver's door in a T-bone-type collision. The impact caused significant occupant intrusion and devastating vehicle damage to both the medic unit and civilian vehicle.

View the Report: [Passing Vehicle Strikes Ambulance](#)

#### **Take-Aways**

Responding to emergency calls with lights and siren is a dangerous part of our job and one that shouldn't be taken lightly. Never assume other drivers can see or hear your warning devices. Cars are now better-insulated against road noise, and distractions such as stereo systems and cell phones just make matters worse.

#### **Discussion**

- What is your department's policy regarding Code 3 driving?
- When are you allowed to exceed the posted speed limit?
- Are you required to come to a complete stop at all red traffic signals?
- How often are members of your agency required to attend refresher courses and actually practice emergency-vehicle operations in a controlled training environment?

- What can you personally do to ensure you're minimizing risks to your crew and yourself while driving Code 3 and operating at an accident scene?

### Leading Practices

Between 1996 and 2010, the U.S. Fire Administration studied roadway accidents involving firefighters. Between 15% and 31% of all line-of-duty deaths in each year were firefighters involved in a vehicle collision or stuck by another vehicle while working on scene.

As emergency responders, we need to do everything we can to reduce the risks we're exposed to during these hazardous situations.

Excessive speed and failure to stop at intersections, especially when we encounter a red traffic light, are the leading causes of roadway accidents involving emergency responders. Darkness, rain, blowing dust, fog, snow and high winds are other factors that must be considered.

Even though the law may grant us the right of way, it's still our responsibility to ensure that other drivers are aware of our presence and yield to us. We're of no use to the people we serve if we ourselves don't arrive safely to the emergency scene.

Once we arrive on the scene at an incident, it's important to do everything within our power to create a safe zone for our personnel to work in. This involves using any resources available, including law enforcement for traffic control and apparatus to block our work area from distracted drivers who may not see us.

Reflective PPE with traffic vests, cones, flares and other warning devices should be used whenever possible. The use of a safety officer or lookout should be considered and everyone on scene must maintain a heightened sense of situational awareness. It's everyone's duty to ensure we all get home safely.

### Related Near Miss Reports

- [Incident Involving Non-Compliant Driver at Semi Accident](#)
- [Distracted Driver Enters Protected Accident Scene](#)
- [Interstate Accident Involving First Responders](#)

### Additional Resources

- [FEMA's Alive on Arrival \(PDF\)](#)
- [Guide to IAFC Model Policies and Procedures for Emergency Vehicle Safety \(PDF\)](#)
- [FEMA's Emergency Vehicle Safety Initiative \(PDF\)](#)
- [IAFF's Emergency Vehicle Safety Program](#)

**PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS EMAIL**

**5TH ANNUAL NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL  
GOLF TOURNAMENT OF CONNECTICUT**



**June 12, 2017**  
Stanley Golf Course  
245 Hartford Road  
New Britain, CT 06053  
4- Person Scramble Format - 10:00 Shot Gun  
Start  
**Tournament Fee**  
\$125.00 per Golfer or \$500.00 per Team  
Dinner Only \$45.00 per person  
***Make checks payable to "NFFF CT Golf"***

Please register by Friday, May 29th (Checks must be received by this date)  
Online registration available until June 6, 2017 at:  
**<http://golf.firehero.org>**  
The website allows payment by credit card, or you can mail this form to:  
**NFFF Golf Tournament of Connecticut**  
**C/o NTFD**  
**439 Enfield Street**  
**Enfield, Connecticut 06082**

Company / Team Name; \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person; \_\_\_\_\_

Address; \_\_\_\_\_

Phone; \_\_\_\_\_ Email; \_\_\_\_\_

**Team Roster**      ***Make checks payable to "NFFF CT Golf"***

<p><b>PLEASE PRINT:</b> Players Name and Address    <b>Tournament Fee</b> \$125.00 per Golfer or \$500.00 per Team</p> <p>1 _____</p> <p>2 _____</p> <p>3 _____</p> <p>4 _____</p>
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Any Questions or need more information Contact: Charlie Macsata [cmacsata@spfd.net](mailto:cmacsata@spfd.net) or 860-749-8552

**5TH ANNUAL  
NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION  
MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT OF CONNECTICUT**



**June 12, 2017**

Stanley Golf Course  
245 Hartford Road  
New Britain, CT 06053  
4- Person Scramble Format  
10:00 Shot Gun Start



**Tee Sponsor - Firefighter**

- \$100.00; Includes (1) Tee Box Sign

**Tee & Program Sponsor - Engineer**

- \$150.00; Includes (1) Tee Box Sign and ½ page advertisement in tournament program.

**Green Sponsor- Lieutenant**

- \$250.00; Includes (1) Hole/Pin Flag

**Tee/Green & Program Sponsor- Captain**

- \$500.00; Includes (2) Tee Box Sign, (1) Hole/Pin Flag and 1/2 page advertisement in tournament program.

**Corporate Golf & Sponsorship Package- Chief**

- \$1000.00; Includes (4) Golfers, (1) Hole/Pin Flag (2) Tee Signs, and a full page advertisement in tournament program.

**Title Sponsor- Commissioner**

- \$2000.00; Includes (4) Golfers (1) Tee Sign, (1) Hole/Pin Flag on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole,
- Company Logo & Tournament Logo on all carts and front of Program.

Note: In order to ensure entry into the tournament program, applications need to be received by May 15, 2017.

Sponsor Name; \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person; \_\_\_\_\_

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Email; \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Level; \_\_\_\_\_

Amount; \_\_\_\_\_

Tournament Sponsors can mail this form to:

**NFFF Golf Tournament of Connecticut  
C/o NTFD  
439 Enfield Street  
Enfield, Connecticut 06082**

Make Checks Payable to;  
NFFF CT golf

**Sponsor Online at: <http://golf.firehero.org>**

**5TH ANNUAL  
NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION  
MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT OF CONNECTICUT**

Contact; Tom Durkin [tdurkin1@cox.net](mailto:tdurkin1@cox.net) for more information



Nomination applications are now being accepted for the 2017 CT EMS Awards

Please visit [ctemscouncils.org](http://ctemscouncils.org), click VOTE, and nominate a person who has made an impact on EMS in our State.

The following Awards are available for selection:

### **GOVERNOR'S AWARD**

For EMS Organizations - This award was established to recognize and commend an EMS Organization, whether career or volunteer in structure, that has enhanced the understanding and support of the EMS System through their public service, community education and contributions to a city, town, region or the state as a whole.

### **CONNECTICUT PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSIONER'S AWARD**

For an individual who has positively impacted the EMS system - The intent of this award is to recognize and commend an individual that has made an impact on pre-hospital care. The award provides an opportunity for the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Public Health to recognize the talents and accomplishments of an individual's promotion of the Emergency Medical Services System as a Public Health entity. The candidate may be nominated for efforts and accomplishments at the town, regional or state levels, and may be for participation on EMS committees, councils, organizations, or communications.

### **DR. RICHARD L. JUDD AWARD**

For Excellence of Lifetime Service Nationally - The intent of this award is to recognize and commend an individual whose work has made a lasting and significant impact on EMS at the national or international level.

### **DR. A.E. HERTZLER KNOX AWARD**

The intent of this award is to recognize and commend an individual whose work has made a lasting and significant impact on EMS in Connecticut.

### **GILLOOLY - LAWTON AWARD**

For Exceptional Providers who consider EMS a vocation - The intent of this award is to recognize and commend an individual whose chosen career is Emergency Medical Services. This award is named for Carol Gillooly and William Lawton who were killed in the line of duty.

### **LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The intent of this award is to recognize a legislator that has demonstrated legislative leadership and support for Emergency Medical Services in the State of Connecticut.

### **GEORGE A. GANUNG VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The intent of this award is to recognize and commend a volunteer for his/her dedication to the service of others in his or her community. While recognizing one volunteer, the award recipient is an example of the tireless efforts of volunteers throughout Connecticut.

### **DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

This award recognizes and commends individuals who have given of their time and talents to improve the level of pre-hospital care. The candidate's contribution may be to any facet of pre-hospital care at the town, regional or state level, and may be for direct patient care or for active participation on committees, councils, organizations, or communications.

### **DR. MARK E. QUIGLEY AWARD**

A Physician Award - The intent of this award is to recognize and commend a physician who demonstrates exemplary qualities as a teacher, visionary, and executor of the highest quality pre-hospital emergency medical care.

### **PAUL WINFIELD SMITH AWARD**

For Educational Excellence - The intent of the Paul Winfield Smith Instructional Achievement Award is to recognize and commend an EMS educator who excels as an instructor and/or has made a significant contribution to EMS through education.

### **GERALD FERRARI AWARD**

For "Behind the Scene" Supporters of EMS - The Gerald Ferrari Award was established to recognize and commend individuals who are "behind the scene" supporters of Emergency Medical Services in Connecticut who are not necessarily EMS practitioners, but rather, the unsung heroes whose work often goes on behind the scene and typically goes unnoticed and unappreciated.

[ctemscouncils.org](http://ctemscouncils.org)

Please visit the Connecticut EMS Regional Councils Website to learn more and to VOTE.

*Deadline for submissions is April 22nd*



# **New England Fire/Rescue/EMS 2017**



## **SAVE THE DATE**

**New England Association of Fire Chiefs  
FIRE/RESCUE/EMS EXPO**

**June 21-24, 2017**

**Foxwoods Resort & Casino**



**[www.newenglandfirechiefs.org](http://www.newenglandfirechiefs.org)**



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- **LESSONS LEARNED BACK BAY FIRE**

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**MAY 7TH  
2017**

**12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**

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ROAST BEEF DINNER  
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**Free Pin  
For All  
Participants**

**I REFUSE TO TIP-TOE THROUGH LIFE ONLY TO ARRIVE SAFELY AT DEATH – JUSTIN WISNIEWSKI**

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017</b>
<b>PLACE:</b>	ELKS LODGE 1669, MAIN ST. SOUTHINGTON, CT
<b>TIME:</b>	REG. 8 – 10 AM & RIDE LEAVES AT 10:30 AM
<b>REGISTRATION:</b>	RIDER(S): \$25 (INCLUDES A FREE PIN)
(INCLUDES DINNER)	PASSENGER(S) & NON-RIDER(S): \$15
	HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT(S) (WITH ID): \$10

JUSTIN WISNIEWSKI, ENGINE COMPANY 1, SOUTHINGTON, CT, DIED AT A YOUNG AGE, **JUST 18, IN THE LINE OF DUTY**. IN MEMORY OF JUSTIN, THE WISNIEWSKI AND DiPIETRO FAMILY, ALONG WITH SOUTHINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT COMPANY 1, HAVE ESTABLISHED A SCHOLARSHIP FUND, BENEFITING FAMILIES OF FIREFIGHTERS.

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