



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

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1. Question Review Session Participants Sought for Technical Rescuer: Structural Collapse

The Certification Division of the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control is establishing a local examination question review panel for Technical Rescuer: Structural Collapse (NFPA 1006). The date for this review is Friday, May 19, 2017 from 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM. Question review panel members will serve on a volunteer basis with lunch provided. As the Commission does not currently certify to this level, you must be a recognized Subject Matter Expert.

If you would like to voluntarily serve on this question review panel, please email Jeff Morrissette, State Fire Administrator jeff.morrissette@ct.gov by Monday, May 15, 2017. Thank you for your consideration.

2. Raging Knights FF MC Battalion 2 Golf Tournament

Raging Knights Firefighter MC - Battalion 2 is once again hosting its annual 9-hole Golf Tournament. A portion of proceeds will be donated to benefit the CT Burns Care Foundation.

Registration begins at 7:30 – Tee time 9:00 am RAIN OR SHINE EVENT

\$85 per Golfer - 72 Golfers Maximum
\$75 to be a sponsor of the tournament

Go to <http://www.rkffmcbat2.com/> to download our flyer / signup / sponsorship form or download the attached form.

9- Hole Course, Includes Cart, Singles will be paired. Prizes for 1st and 2nd place, best Woman's score,

50/50 for closest to and farthest from the Pin and longest Drive, Raffles, Door Prize and much more.

Coffee and Pastry during Registration. Hospitality Cart during Game. Lunch is provided, the menu consisting of grilled steak, hot dogs, hamburgers, salad and beverages throughout the day.

Don't wait until the last minute!!! Slots will fill up fast!!!

Make all checks payable to RKFFMC BATT 2
Mail the registration / sponsorship form and checks to
RKFFMC Batt 2
PO Box 93
Ansonia, CT 06401

To reserve your Party or Sponsor a Tee/Pin/Cart, or any questions please call or e-mail
Joe "Izzy" Navin
(203) 812-8642
izzy@rkffmcbat2.com

3. Deadline Pending: Accelerated On-Line FF 1 and FF 2

The Burrville Fire School announces their on-line accelerated classes for this summer. These are fast moving, demanding courses of study/practice. You are expected to make *all* of the classes. You must be a self-motivated student who is comfortable with on-line learning.

Mandatory orientation will be at 6 PM on May 15th at the Bantam Fire Company in Bantam.

Firefighter 1 will begin on May 16th at the Bantam Fire Company. It will run on Monday & Wednesday nights from 6 PM to 10 PM. It is approximately 3-months in length. The state practical exam will be on August 5th. The cost is \$1,050 and includes the course text.

Firefighter 2 will begin on May 17th at the South End VFD (Nepaug) in New Hartford. It will then run on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6 PM to 10 PM. It is approximately 2-months in length. The state practical will be on July 8th. The cost is \$850. This does not include a text (which can be purchased separately). The text is available to all as an on-line e-book and downloadable audio book.

The deadline for applying is May 1st. **After May 1st there will be a 10% late fee.**

For more information, contact Richard Marcus at 860-307-2267 or richardmarcus@earthlink.net
An application is attached.

4. Gateway Community Fire Technology Courses

GWCC is now accepting applications for the Fall 2017 semester

Gateway Community College is offering the following courses in the *Fire Technology Program*. These classes are part of a revised program designed to meet the requirements of the National Fire Academy, *Fire and Emergency*.

Service Higher Education (FESHE) model.

These classes offer a great opportunity for firefighters, who are considering advancing their knowledge and careers, without taking a fulltime academic workload. These classes are fundamental to most fire science curriculum and can easily be applied toward an undergraduate degree in *Fire Technology*.

FTA 112 Introduction to Fire Technology: TR 05:25pm-06:45pm

FTA 216 Municipal Fire Administration: MW 05:25pm-06:45pm

FTA 227 Fire Protection Systems: TR 05:25pm-06:45pm

FTA 219 Fire Investigations: M 07:00pm-09:50pm

Fall semester calendar: August 29, 2017-December 18, 2017

All classes held at Gateway Community College downtown campus.

GWCC offers the opportunity to participate in course work along with fellow firefighters and future fire technology professionals, throughout Connecticut. Come experience the learning environment and camaraderie that Gateway has to offer.

Registration can be completed online. Please visit Gateway Community College Website at www.gatewayct.edu or contact Dmarcarelli@gwcc.commnet.edu for further information.

Also see our attached brochure

5. 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

6. CPAT Special Session

We have opened up the first special session of the Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) for those candidates who have taken the CPAT test before. The cost will be \$125.00 and you must register on line using the following address: <https://ctlms.ct.gov/Saba/Web/Main>. This will be a morning session only and check in begins at 0730. We are limiting the test to 50 candidates. If you have any questions, please send an email to CPAT@ct.gov.

Instructions for registering for the Special Session

1. Click "CPAT enrollment"
2. Click "offerings" tab
3. In search box type: special session
4. Click "search learning catalog"

The 2 offerings will then appear

7. Firefighter Near Miss Report of the Week

[PD Door Opening Leads to Flashover](#)

Summary

Police respond with us on nearly every call, but how much training do they have for structural fire response?

Event Description

When we arrived at the address, heavy fire was coming from the B and C sides and the garage. The incident commander went to complete a 360 and ordered a 2.5-inch line be pulled to that side of the structure. I walked toward the A side and asked two police officers if anyone was inside the structure. They said that they were unsure, then walked to the front door and kicked it open. They yelled inside and heard no reply; they couldn't confirm it was vacant due to increasing smoke conditions, but they didn't see any obvious victims.

A 1.75-inch hose line was pulled to the A side to prepare for an interior attack. When I finished helping establish a water supply, I walked toward the A side to back up the nozzleman. As I made my way to the hose, the interior of the house had a complete flashover that came out the front door and spread to the covered porch. We then had to make a defensive attack until we could get the fire knocked down and begin an interior attack and search.

The police officer took a photo just a few seconds after flashover. I believe that when the police opened the front door, it allowed air to flow to the rear of the structure and pulled the fire into the front room, causing the flashover conditions. If we had made an entry before it reached this point, we may have been caught in the flashover.

After the fire was controlled, an interior search found no victims inside. It was also very dark on the C side and it was later noted that while the utilities were being secured, the power service to the house had fallen in the back yard.

View the Report: [PD Opening Door Leads to Flashover](#)

Take-Aways

Police departments and the fire service respond together, and they rely on each other to serve and protect our communities. Fire departments and EMS agencies are accustomed to the hazards that can be present on certain calls and often stage until police officers determine if the scene is safe. Unfortunately, sometimes the

officers are exposed to hazards on fire scene before we get there and make the situation safe.

Structural fires are burning hotter and developing faster than ever before. We know this, but have we taken the opportunity to educate local law-enforcement officers about the hazards of modern fire behavior?

Take the opportunity to train with your law-enforcement partners and try to learn as much as you can about each other's jobs. It can only make all of us safer.

Discussion

- Have you ever had a police officer arrive before you to a working fire? If so, what were their actions?
- How receptive are local law-enforcement agencies to cross-training with the fire service?

If you arrived on scene of a working fire as a law-enforcement officer and were faced with a family member stating a child was inside, would you be able to stand by and not act?

Leading Practices

We have had the opportunity to learn from many pieces of research in the past few years about the changing fire environment. NIST and UL studies have shown us that fires are burning hotter, developing faster and producing more dangerous smoke than ever before. Fires are more likely to be vent-limited, waiting only for a ventilation opening to rapidly grow. Hydrogen cyanide and carbon monoxide can quickly incapacitate an individual.

These hazards don't discriminate between fire service, law enforcement or members of the public. When a police officer arrives on scene before a fire unit to find an occupant outside of a fire screaming someone is inside, they're faced with an extremely difficult choice.

Get together with your local law enforcement to educate them on the hazards that are now present in the modern fire environment. This will allow them to be more aware of the hazards and how serious a decision it is to take some actions before you arrive.

ISFSI Law Enforcement Operations on the Fireground Program

The International Society of Fire Service Instructors (ISFSI) has developed a training program to educate law-enforcement officers on the modern fire environment and the hazards they may face when operating at a fire scene.

[Check out the program and a video overview at the ISFSI website.](#)



This program works to create cooperation between agencies and ensures everyone operates from a common playbook on the fireground. ISFSI is scheduling classes now, so why not host one in your area? At the very least, the program provides an opportunity for increased conversations between law enforcement and the fire service concerning a hazardous scene we'll both be responding to.

Additional Resources

- [ISFSI Law Enforcement Operations on the Fireground](#)
- [PoliceOne.com Article: NYPD Issues New Guidelines in Wake of Fire](#)

- [Florence Police Officers Overcome by Smoke During Rescue](#)

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS EMAIL



GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Portion of proceeds to benefit the
CT Burns Care Foundation**

Woodhaven C.C. – 275 Miller Rd Bethany, CT

Saturday June 3rd – Rain or Shine

Registration begins at 7:30 – Tee time 9:00 am

\$85 per Golfer

72 Golfers Maximum

\$75 per Sponsor



9- Hole Course, Includes Cart, Singles will be paired. Prizes for 1st and 2nd place, best Woman’s score, 50/50 for closest to and farthest from the Pin and longest Drive, Raffles, Door Prize and much more.

Coffee and Pastry during Registration. Hospitality Cart during Game.
Lunch provided- Menu to include, Grilled Steak, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Salads.
Beer, Soda and Water.

Don’t wait until the last minute!!! Slots will fill up fast!!!

Make all checks payable to RKFFMC BATT 2

Mail this form and Checks to PO Bx 93 Ansonia, CT 06401

\$85.00 per Golfer- Pairs to a Cart

Please include a contact number for one member of party

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____

Pin/Tee/Cart Sponsor \$75.00 per Flag

Please include a contact number and Business Card for Artwork

Sponsor name as it will appear on Flag

**To reserve your Party or Sponsor a Tee/Pin/Cart call or e-mail
Raging Knights VP Joe “Izzy” Navin
(203) 812-8642
izzy@rkffmcbat2.com**

Fire Training School Torrington (Burrville State Fire School)

P.O. Box 335
Pleasant Valley, CT 06063

Chairman Tom Osborne
Director Richard T. Winn
Asst. Director John B. Field Jr.

Course Application

Name: _____ Date of Application: _____

Course Name: _____ Course Fee: _____

Student ID: _____

(First 3 Initials of last name and last 4 numbers of social security number)

(Example: Joe Smith; SS# 123-45-6789: ID would be SMI-6789)

Home Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

(Cell) _____ E-Mail: _____

Are you at least 18 Years of Age? Yes No

Firefighter I & II applicants **must** be at least 18 years of age

Applicants Signature

As Chief of the _____ Fire Department, I hereby authorize the above applicant to participate in the Firefighter I or II program and therefore understand that the above named individual will be covered by my department's worker's compensation insurance while participating in such training and that the Burrville State Fire School, its' officers', Instructors', Agents' or Employees' shall not be liable for any injuries sustained during such training. The applicant is considered by my department's standards to be physically and emotionally fit to perform firefighting evolutions without special considerations, and where applicable, to meet the 29 CFR 1910.134 standard for the use of respirators (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus).

Chief's Signature

Date

Purchase Order #

Authorized Billing Signature

***Please include a copy of the medical clearance for Firefighter I and II courses.

(Please complete both sides)

Fire Training School Torrington (Burrville State Fire School)

P.O. Box 335
Pleasant Valley, CT 06063

DOB: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone #: _____

Department Representing: _____

Company/Unit: _____ Town: _____

Circle One: Career Volunteer

Date Entered Fire Service: _____ Rank: _____

Fire Chief's Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Training Officer's Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Fire Department Mailing Address: _____

I _____ authorize the Burrville State Fire School
to release my training records for the _____ course in which I am enrolled to
_____.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

(Please complete both sides)



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

Please visit 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

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

Deadline for submissions is April 22nd



Fundamentals of Firefighting Certificate Program

Firefighter I & II, including EMT-B

This is a college level certificate program consisting of 24 fully accredited (NEASC) approved coursework. The program is designed to train students to the firefighter I & II levels, along with Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) curriculum. Upon completion of both lecture and practical training, students will be eligible to sit for State of Connecticut certification exams for FF I & FFII. In addition, successful completion of the Emergency Medical Technician program will prepare the student for certification through the National Registry. The program is also designed to prepare students for the complex process of navigating both written and oral board testing procedures used by most municipal fire departments. Finally, this two (2) semester program will condition the student physically by including a health and fitness class designed to increase the student's knowledge of health and fitness while training in preparation for the State of Connecticut CPAT certification.

Who is eligible?

Students must be at least 18 years old and hold a High School Degree or GED. Potential students must take an entrance exam through Gateway Community College. Remediation classes are available for those students who do not meet the minimum passing grade for matriculation into this program.

Do I have to be a member of a Fire Department?

NO. This program is designed for both affiliated fire department members and non-affiliated students. Gateway Community College offers resources for the rental of all the necessary gear and equipment needed to participate in this program. Current members may use their department issued gear with written permission from their department's Fire Chief.

Am I covered if I get injured?

Yes. Gateway Community College holds the insurance policy for injury claims for all of its students. However, students must have a physical examination by their own medical provider prior to admittance.

How long does this program run?

The entire program spans two (2) semesters beginning in the fall of each academic calendar year and ends with the concurrent academic spring calendar.

Do I have to take all of the classes?

No. The certificate program is designed to be taken in its entirety. This is the only means of achieving the 24 college credits with the associated academic certificate. Student enrollment process will give priority to those students who are fully matriculating into the program. However, student can register for individual courses if space is available and all prerequisites are met.



How much does the program cost?

Each class is priced based on its credit hours plus any school fees. Gear, equipment and books must be provided for, or purchased by the student. There are several rental companies that will supply NFPA approved Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) that can be used throughout the program. It is the student's responsibility to obtain properly fitted and fully compliant PPE prior to the start of class. Shipping and returned equipment to the rental agency is also the responsibility of the student.

Where is the class being held?

Class lectures are held at Gateway Community College downtown campus. Saturday practical training evolutions will be held at the New Haven Regional Fire Training Academy. Transportation to and from all locations are the responsibility of the student. Times, dates and room locations will be placed on the schools scheduling website.

Who teaches these courses?

All courses are taught by experienced and certified career firefighters chosen from throughout New Haven County. Instructors are selected through a rigorous vetting process and must possess all the necessary qualifications and practical real life experience. Each instructor brings a wealth of knowledge and strong firefighting/EMS background skills. All instructors have had several years of teaching the required curriculum and are well verse in developing the skills necessary for student success.

Program Requirements*

Freshman Year- Fall Semester

Course #	Title
FTA 101	Fundamentals of Firefighting I
FTA 100	Fitness and Health for Firefighters

Freshman Year-Spring Semester

Course #	Title
EMT 100	Emergency Medical Technician
FTA 102	Fundamentals of Firefighting II
FTA 103	Civil Service Test Preparation

For more information contact DMarcarelli@gwcc.commnet.edu

*Program structure currently under review and is subject to change.