



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

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**1. Assistant Chief/ Deputy Fire Marshall Charles Cosgrove Retirement from Mansfield FD**

Please join the Mansfield Fire Department in congratulating and celebrating the retirement of Assistant Chief & Deputy Fire Marshall Charlie Cosgrove after 47 years of service to the Town of Mansfield.

The retirement celebration will be held on May 27, 2017 from 3-7 p.m. at Holiday Hill Camp. Ticket information is available on the attached. Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

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**2. Beacon Hose Co. No. 1 Carnival and Parade**

Beacon Hose Co. No. 1 will host its 54th annual carnival and parade from June 8-10 at the firehouse on North Main Street in Beacon Falls. The carnival runs from 6-10 p.m. on Thursday, 6-11 p.m. on Friday and 3-11:30 p.m. on Saturday. The event includes rides, food cooked by Beacon Hose volunteers, beers and margaritas, and live music for all three days. In addition, all fire departments and EMS units are invited to join in the annual parade, judged by the CPMA, on June 10 at 6 p.m. Beers and famous bologna sandwiches will be served in the bullpen until 9 p.m.

To RSVP for the parade, visit [www.beaconhose.com](http://www.beaconhose.com) or contact parade marshal Cal Brennan at 203-598-8827.

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### **3. Orange FMO Hosting Drone Pilot Test Prep Training – July 13-14**

The Orange Fire Marshal's Office is contracting for a Drone Pilot Test Prep class to be held July 13-14 from 0800-1700 both days. The class is limited to the first 12 paid applicants and cost is \$800. Please see the attached for additional information and to register. For more information contact Timothy P. Smith, Fire Marshal Town of Orange (203) 891-4709 OR (203) 215-7135.

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### **4. Pomfret Fire Dept to Host Strategy & Tactics Classes – Note - Day Change**

Pomfret Fire Dept. will be hosting the Strategy and Tactics series I II III  
S&T I June 20, 22 & 24 Tue & Thurs 6pm – 10pm Sat 9 - 4  
S&T II Aug 22, 24 & 26 Tue & Thurs 6pm – 10pm Sat 9 - 4  
S&T III Oct 24, 26 & 28 Tue & Thurs 6pm – 10pm Sat 9 – 4

There are no prerequisites required.

Though classes are designed to build on one another, you can take any 1 class or all 3.

To register email Jim Fernstrom at [jfpomfretff@yahoo.com](mailto:jfpomfretff@yahoo.com)

In the subject line put Strategy & Tactics. I will email you the location in Pomfret the class will be held.

#### **Strategy and Tactics I: Fundamentals**

This two night one-day course introduces the officer candidate to the philosophy and tools required for leadership decision making during emergencies. Subjects covered will be a review of the National Incident Management System (NIMS), Incident Priorities and Decision making, the basics of fire behavior and building construction, “size-up”, evaluation and assessment as well as the difference between “strategy and tactics” using such tools as Layman’s Tactical Model and RECEO VS, Terpak’s COAL TWAS WEALTHS or Norman’s version COAL WAS WEALTH and offensive versus defensive operations.

Class Hours: 16 Course Fee: \$50.00

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### **5. FEMA Seeks Comments on NIMS Draft Documents**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency requests your feedback on five National Incident Management System (NIMS) documents designed to enhance interoperability and the effectiveness of mutual aid. Comments on the draft documents are due until June 9<sup>th</sup>. To access the documents visit:

[https://www.usfa.fema.gov/current\\_events/index.html#nims](https://www.usfa.fema.gov/current_events/index.html#nims)

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### **6. VCOS Report from the Chairman Tim Wall**

Next VCOS Webinar

Please join us for the next VCOS webinar on May 30 at 4:30 PM ET on *Brain Wellness for the First Responder & the VCOS Yellow Ribbon Report*. This webinar will provide information about the impact the first-responder field has on our brains. It will also discuss the signs and symptoms of behavioral health issues and provide effective mental-wellness strategies.

Thanks to [TargetSolutions for sponsoring this webinar!](#)

Webinar Registration

### The Training Officer Recognition Award

The VCOS and [TargetSolutions](#) encourage you to nominate someone 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 on July 27 at the VCOS Annual Meeting. Conference registration, flight and three nights of hotel will be covered. The winner is expected to fully participate in the education and networking opportunities at FRI. VCOS thanks TargetSolutions for sponsoring this award.

### FRI VCOS Scholarships Available

VCOS awards two \$1,500 scholarships to attend FRI each year. This scholarship program was developed to promote leadership through learning among volunteer and combination officers. Scholarships are awarded based on the applicant's description of how the department or attendee will benefit from attending FRI. Applicants for the scholarships must be members of the IAFC and VCOS. Applications are being accepted through May 31. [Apply now](#) so you can join us at FRI in Charlotte July 26-29.

### Don't Forget to Vote

The IAFC and VCOS online elections are open, so make sure to vote by June 8. You should have received your voting instructions via email on April 27. There are 17 candidates running for the VCOS' three open at-large director positions. Read the candidate statements on the [VCOS election page](#) to learn more about them.

### VCOS Symposium in the West

Thanks to everyone who attended the [VCOS Symposium in the West](#) May 4-6 in Reno. It was a huge success, with an increase of 50% in attendance compared to last year's inaugural conference. Please mark your calendar for the 2018 Symposium in the West in Phoenix, May 3-5.

### VCOS Symposium in the Sun

The [VCOS Symposium in the Sun](#), 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 and extended the symposium by a day to give you more time to network with presenters, peers and exhibitors.

Registration sold out in 2017, so make sure to register soon!

Register Now

## Get Involved

VCOS has many different committees and other ways section members can get involved. We're always looking for people to write articles for our newsletter or help on our Communications Committee. We also need someone to help us find presenters and schedule and run the technical side of the VCOS webinars each month. If you're interested in getting more involved with VCOS, [please email us](#).

## 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. Firefighter Near Miss Report of the Week

### Facepieces Craze During Live Burn Trainings

#### Summary

Over several months, 13 facepieces suffered crazing damage during live-fire training evolutions at the training academy.

#### Event Description

Multiple agencies had sent recruits to a 12-week academy, along with two self-pay firefighters. Instruction received at the academy consisted of both classroom and practical-skills training.

The academy learned that a recruit had suffered crazing damage to a facepiece during live-fire training, which was delivered as part of a recruit class.

A department that sent firefighters through the academy learned that four of their SCBA facepieces had suffered crazing damage. Three additional facepieces were damaged and replaced without notification to the academy and department leadership.

Early in the investigation, it was discovered that a total of 13 face pieces from five different agencies suffered crazing damage during live-fire training evolutions.

View the Report: [Training Academy Experiences Numerous SCBA Face Piece Crazings](#)

#### Take-Aways

Training burns occur in an IDLH atmosphere; mistakes can be fatal! All safety rules and procedures must be followed every time. Instructors must be well-versed in preparing for, conducting and monitoring every aspect of the burn. All safety equipment must be inspected after each evolution. Everyone involved must be aware of the limitations of their personal protective equipment.

#### Discussion

- What are the qualifications of instructors conducting live-burn training at your academy?
- Who approves the instructors who conduct live-fire training?
- Are backup lines and safety officers used as required?
- Is rehab part of the training evolution?

- Is NFPA 1403 used as the minimum standard for all live burns?

### Leading Practices

NFPA 1403 establishes the standard for live-fire training evolutions and must be followed. Safety officers are an essential part of all drills and must have the authority to halt any operation deemed unsafe. Instructors must be thoroughly trained and certified to conduct the training. They must ensure that complacency doesn't set in as students become more comfortable with the scenarios.

Fire conditions must be continually monitored as well. Time must be taken after every evolution to check all equipment—every time. All students should have an experienced instructor double-check and verify that their equipment is properly donned and secure before each entry into an IDLH atmosphere. Damaged PPE must be immediately reported and removed from service.

Live-fire training is a serious undertaking and must be treated as such.

### Related Near Miss Reports

- [Lessons Learned During Live Fire Training](#)
- [Training Fire Results in Emergency Evacuation](#)
- [Crew Separated During Training Fire](#)

### Additional Resources

- [TN MTAS Article: Use of Acquired Structures for Training](#)
- [Firehouse.com Article: Live Fire Training and NFPA 1403](#)
- [FireEngineering.com Article: Live Fire Training - Conducting NFPA 1403-Compliant Live Burn Training in Acquired Structures](#)
- [FireRescueMagazine.com Article: Live-Burn Training: How Much Is Too Much?](#)

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## 8. CSFA Quarterly Meeting Notice

The Connecticut State Firefighter's Association (CSFA) quarterly meeting will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at Wethersfield Fire Department Company 3, 30 Kelleher Court in Wethersfield. Attached is the meeting agenda.

**PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS EMAIL**



# THE BEACON HOSE **CARNIVAL**

KICKS OFF SUMMER!

**35 NORTH MAIN STREET  
BEACON FALLS**

# JUNE 8-10, 2017



CLIMB THE WALL!



WATCH THE PARADE!



ENJOY THE RIDES!

## **WHAT'S ON TAP ...**

OUR CLASSIC MENU, PLUS NEW FRIED TREATS (THINK DESSERT!)

FOOD TICKETS? LONG GONE! ♦ TRIVIA AND LIVE MUSIC

BEER, MARGARITAS AND SANGRIA OUTSIDE ♦ 50/50 RAFFLE

ROCK-CLIMBING WALL ♦ BEACON HOSE MERCHANDISE

## **JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN AND MUSIC!**

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

6 - 10 P.M. | TRIVIA: 7:30 P.M.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

6 - 11 P.M.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

3 - 11:30 P.M. | PARADE: 6 P.M.

VISIT US ONLINE FOR UPDATED INFO OR TO MAKE A DONATION

BEACONHOSE.COM |  .COM/BEACONHOSE



# Retirement Celebration for Assistant Chief Charlie Cosgrove



Join us at ***Holiday Hill Day Camp*** on ***May 27<sup>th</sup>*** from ***3-7 PM*** to celebrate Charlie Cosgrove's 47 years of dedicated service to the town of Mansfield and to wish him well in retirement



Tickets:

-\$30 for adults

-\$20 for children 12 and under

- Live music!
- Barbecue-style catering provided with ticket price
- Raffle tickets sold at the event
- Lawn games and activities
- BYOB

*Please contact Secretary Tyler Burnham ([Burnhamtr@mansfieldct.org](mailto:Burnhamtr@mansfieldct.org)) or any Local 4120 fire fighter for tickets. Some tickets will be available at the Fire Marshall's Office located at the town hall. **RSVP by Wednesday May 17th***

# **DRONE PILOT TEST PREP TRAINING**



The Orange Fire Marshal's Office is hosting a Drone pilot skills and FAA test prep class. The program will be conducted by outside FAA certified instructor(s), and will be held at Orange Fire Station #2, 355 Boston Post Road.

**The class size is limited to the first 12 paid applicants.**

**Dates are: July 13-14, 2017 0800-1700 hrs both days**

**Cost is \$800 per person, covering all costs including manuals, use of a drone, snacks, lunches, plus unlimited access to web resources and company pilots for consulting after course completion.**

**Day 1** is hands-on training using DJI drones where the instructor(s) will teach all aspects and functions of the equipment, and how we can best utilize them in our operations. A drone will be provided for each student to operate, but if you have your own feel free to bring it along.

**Day 2** of the program will cover preparations for the FAA Part 107 Drone Pilots Exam, including how and where to apply and take the exam, sample exam, test logistics, applying for a Remote Pilot Certificate with UAS rating, and updating your personal

### ***FAA Part 107 Exam Sections that will be covered:***

- Regulations
- Airspace Requirements
- Flight Restrictions
- Chart Study
- Airport Operations
- Radio Communications
- Maintenance and Preflight Procedures
- Resource Management & Aeronautical Decision-making
- sUAS Loading & Performance
- Hazards to Flight & Emergency Procedures.
- Aviation Physiology

The target audience is anyone from the Fire Service, Law Enforcement, Emergency Management, or other municipal or state agencies that use or anticipate using a drone during their course of business. While Law Enforcement and Fire Service users may be exempt from many of the FAA requirements, municipal and state insurance carriers typically require a Part 107 Drone Pilot's license in order to be covered for liability and/or loss.

For more information, please contact:

Timothy P. Smith

Fire Marshal

Town of Orange, Connecticut

[tsmith@orange-ct.gov](mailto:tsmith@orange-ct.gov)

Firehouse Direct Line: (203) 891-4709

Cell Phone: (203) 215-7135



## REGISTRATION

### Drone UAS Flight Training and FAA Part 107 Test Prep

Hosted by the Orange Fire Marshal's Office

**July 13-14, 2017, 0800-1700 hrs**

Orange Fire Station 2, 355 Boston Post Rd., Orange, CT. 06477

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Municipality/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



Registration Fee: \$800.00 (choose below)

Check enclosed (payable to Town of Orange)

Municipal PO (made to Town of Orange, 617 Orange Center Rd., Orange, CT 06477)

***We've had a huge response to this course, please note that seating is limited to 12 students so get your registration in early.***

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration form and payment to:

Orange Fire Marshal's Office  
c/o FM Tim Smith  
PO Box 951  
Orange, CT 06477

Questions:

Tim Smith  
Office: 203-891-4709  
Cell: 203-215-7135  
Email: tsmith@orange-ct.gov

Fax Registration and PO to: 203-891-1054

*Cancellation Policy: We understand that your schedule may change and prevent you from attending this course. Substitutions are always acceptable. Please notify us of the substitute's name so we may have them properly registered. If, however, you need to cancel your registration, you may do so up to 5 days before the course, and your registration will be refunded in full.*

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA

DATE: May 18, 2017  
TIME: 7:00 P.M.

LOCATION: Wethersfield Fire Dept. – Co#3.

- 1). CALL TO ORDER BY: President Vaughan Dumas
- 2). INVOCATION BY:
- 3). SALUTE TO THE FLAG: President Vaughan Dumas
- 4). ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President Vaughan Dumas  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Stephan D. Brown Sr.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President John Carew  
Treasurer William Coffey  
Secretary Gerald V. Schaffer  
Chaplain Kevin Donovan  
Chaplain Mark Byers  
Immed. Past President James O'Neil

CVP Clarence Rees  
CVP David Clark  
CVP James Koser  
CVP Burt Hale  
CVP Ken Mitchell  
CVP Ed Waido  
CVP Michael Gergler  
CVP Wayne Fletcher

- 5). ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD: February 16, 2017
- 6). COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED:
  - A). Hundred Club Newsletter
- 7). PUBLIC COMMENTS:
  - A).
- 8). COMMITTEE REPORTS:
  - A). Secretary
  - B). Treasurer
  - C). Legislative Committee
  - D). Convention 2017 Committee
  - E). Commission on Fire Prevention & Control
  - F). National Volunteer Fire Council
  - G). Strategic Planning Committee
  - H). Firefighter Memorial Committee
  - I). EMS Advisory Committee/911 Commission
  - J). Flanagan Memorial Scholarship

- K). Recruitment & Retention Committee
- L). Education Committee
- M). Hall of Fame Committee

9). CLAIMS TO ACT ON:

- A). Christopher Alexander - University of Conn. F.D. - Injury 12/4/16 - Ext. of Time.
- B). Ronald Miles Sr. - Willimantic Fire Department - Injury 10/30/16 - Ext. of Time
- C).

10). OLD BUSINESS:

- A). By-Law Committee Report
- B).

11). NEW BUSINESS:

- A).
- B).
- C).
- D).
- E).

12). NEW MEMBERSHIP:

COMPANY:

- A) None

DEPARTMENT

- A). Adam Libros - Fire Marshal - Town of Mansfield
- B). Darryl Wright - Chief - Washington Fire Department
- C). Alan Arel - Asst. Chief - Vernon Fire Department
- D). Robert Babcock - Asst. Chief - Vernon Fire Department

13). GOOD & WELFARE:

- A).
- B).
- C).
- D).

14). BENEDICTION BY:

15). MOTION TO ADJOURN AT \_\_\_\_\_ HOURS.

\*\*\*\*\***Bold Letters: Change from Original Agenda**\*\*\*\*\*