



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



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**1. CFA Bookstore News**

The CFA Bookstore will be closed Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> and Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, for the Memorial Day Holiday. We hope everyone has a safe and restful holiday.

Pam and Karen  
CFA Bookstore

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**2. ICS-300 - Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents**

The Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division of DESPP is conducting ICS-300, Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents training on June 14, 21, 29, 2017. This class delivery will be taught over 3 consecutive weeks, two Wednesdays and a Thursday. The classes will be at the Parsons Government Center, Milford Board of Education, 70 West River Road, Milford, CT 06460 from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM each day. To register, go to the [www.ct.gov/DEMHS](http://www.ct.gov/DEMHS) website under Training Calendar. Questions please contact Gary Ruggiero, 860-685-8545 or [gary.ruggiero@ct.gov](mailto:gary.ruggiero@ct.gov)

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### **3. Accelerated EMT and EMR to EMT Bridge Course Summer Sessions**

Howser Public Safety is offering both an EMR to EMT and Accelerated EMT Courses both beginning on June 15<sup>th</sup>. The courses are offered in a blended learning online and In Person format. Classroom sessions are held in Old Saybrook. For additional information please see the attached or visit [www.EMTcourse.com](http://www.EMTcourse.com) or call (860) 395-6648.

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### **4. 2017 Boating Safety Course Sponsored by Gardner Lake Vol. Fire Company**

Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company is sponsoring a Boating Safety Course conducted by the State DEEP Boating Division. The course will be held at Gardner Lake Fire Company 429 Old Colchester Rd (Route 354) Salem on June 20, 22 and 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:45 p.m. to 9 p.m. Please see the attached for course information and registration.

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### **5. Hartford County Regional Fire School Summer Firefighter 2 Course**

The Hartford County Regional Fire School is looking for students for its Summer Firefighter 2 class that is scheduled to begin June 6th. For additional information, please see the County's website at: [WWW.HCFEP.ORG](http://WWW.HCFEP.ORG) Contact Jim Baldis at 860-818-0477

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### **6. June School 2017 – Cadet Day 6/4 – 8:30 to 4:30 - Free**

Spaces remain open for this one day course designed to engage and energize both Junior Firefighters and their Advisors with a series of proven, applicable and easy-to-reproduce hands-on drills. Evolutions will include advancing and operating handlines, search and rescue, forcible entry, 'streetwise' ropes and knots, and more. The day will culminate in a competition where teams of students will have to use teamwork and creativity to come out on top. In addition attendees will be provided with a package of lesson plans for in-house drill ideas suitable for Junior Firefighters. Junior Program Advisors are encouraged to attend alongside their Junior

Firefighters. Course is limited to (24) students. Full PPE and high levels of motivation for all students is required. Students should also bring their own lunch, refrigerators will be available. Click the below link for the June School Application.

[http://www.ct.gov/cfpc/lib/cfpc/june\\_one\\_2017.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/cfpc/lib/cfpc/june_one_2017.pdf)

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

### **Seatbelt Usage Prevents Possible Injury**

#### **Summary**

After clearing a call, a firefighter was almost ejected from an apparatus while it was driving away. The apparatus made a hard turn and the door opened. The firefighter was kept from falling out by the seatbelt.

#### **Event Description**

After finishing up with a car-bicycle wreck, the firefighters loaded up and cleared the scene. The driver of the apparatus made a turn into a parking lot in order to make a quicker trip back to the station. As the apparatus made that left-hand turn, the officer's door popped open and the officer started to slide out the door.

The officer was wearing their seat belt and it kept the officer from falling out. The officer's seat in the apparatus was a tight fit and the door was not completely shut.

After the apparatus reported back to the station, one of the privates wanted to watch a training film. The officer selected one out about apparatus response. The video told the story of a firefighter who wasn't wearing his seatbelt and died after his door opened while responding on a call. The officer shared their earlier experience with staff.

View the Report: [Seatbelt Usage Prevents Possible Injury](#)

#### **Take-Aways**

Wearing a seatbelt in an apparatus is one of the easiest forms of PPE to use. It requires no lengthy training and usually comes with the vehicle. There are many stories to support the use of seatbelts when riding in an apparatus or in a personal vehicle. In addition, wearing seatbelts may be required by law.

#### **Discussion**

- What's your department's policy/guideline on the use of seatbelts?

- What issues do personnel have with wearing seatbelts?
- What solutions can be implemented to increase seatbelt use?

### Leading Practices

Seatbelts are one of the easiest PPE we have available to us. It requires very little training to use and the habit of putting it on should be a regular part of life, whether in fire apparatus or our personal vehicles.

If something happens, what excuse do you want to use for not wearing one? It's likely riding along with you, sitting there waiting to be used.

Are you concerned it's going to slow you down? Is the seatbelt really the only thing in the process of turning out and responding that is slowing you down?

Wearing seatbelts is a necessary practice to prevent serious injury when travelling in vehicles. With vehicle crashes being another significant factor in line-of-duty deaths, it's a simple action that personnel must be held accountable for taking.

### Related Near Miss Reports

- [Engine Averts Collision with Passenger Vehicle](#)
- [Seatbelt Policy Adopted Following Incident](#)
- [Seatbelt Keeps Firefighters from Falling Out of Unit](#)

### Additional Resources

- [Everyone Goes Home-Seatbelt Pledge](#)
  - [FireRescue1.com Article: How to Get Firefighters to Wear Seatbelts](#)
  - [VFIS Firefighter Seatbelt Safety Initiative](#)
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2017  
BOATING SAFETY COURSE



SPONSORED BY THE GARDNER LAKE VOL FIRE COMPANY  
CONDUCTED BY STATE DEEP BOATING DIVISION



HELD AT GARDNER LAKE FIRE COMPANY  
429 OLD COLCHESTER ROAD  
ROUTE 354 SALEM, CT



5:45PM TO 9:00PM

TUESDAY JUNE 20<sup>th</sup>,  
THURSDAY JUNE 22<sup>th</sup>,  
TUESDAY JUNE 27<sup>th</sup>.

Completion of this course qualifies the student to  
obtain a "certificate of personal watercraft operation".

THERE IS A \$15.00 PER PERSON FEE TO THE  
GLFC FOR THIS COURSE.



**ONE TIME**

STATE FEE OF \$50.00 FOR LICENSE

TO REGISTER FOR THIS COURSE EMAIL:



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THIS COURSE - GO TO:**

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be on your current Hunting or Fishing License.**

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There are 3 Saturday Sessions that will be held on 6/17, 7/8, & 7/22

Regular Classes end on August 10, 2017 !!

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**Course Fee - \$875.00**

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