



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

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1. EPA Refresher Class Rescheduled

Seats Available:

The EPA Refresher previously scheduled for Wednesday; June 14th (tomorrow) has been postponed until Wednesday; June 28th ... There are still seats available.

EPA Hazardous Materials Technician Refresher sponsored by the Somers Fire Department; 400 Main Street Somers.

Class to be held: Wednesday; June 28th, 2017 from 0830 to 1630 hrs.

If interested; **Contact Lieutenant Glen Reynolds** at glen.reynolds@somersfire.org or phone 860 749-7626

2. Middlesex County Fire Chiefs Association June Meeting Notice

The Middlesex County Fire Chiefs Association Inc. will hold their monthly meeting for June on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at the Durham Fire Department beginning at 19:00 hours.

Burt Hale, secretary

3. NFA Application Period Closes June 15!

The application period for the FY2018 First Semester of National Fire Academy resident classes closes **June 15**. The first semester includes those classes scheduled from October 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018 held on the

National Fire Academy campus in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Information about courses, schedules, and applications can be found at: http://www.usfa.fema.gov/training/nfa/courses/on_campus_6_10.html

Mail completed and signed applications to:

NETC Admissions Office

16825 South Seton Avenue

Emmitsburg, MD 21727-8998

Fax to (301) 447-1441 or email to netcadmissions@fema.dhs.gov

This is a great deal in so many ways!

- We pay your travel, instructor and student material costs; you pay for your meals.
- You meet and network with peers from all over the United States.
- You meet and learn from top notch instructors in the field.

Please share this with your organizations, friends and colleagues.

Don't delay! Send in your application today!

4. Fire Fighter Certification - Frequently Asked Questions

Please review the updated Frequently Asked Questions regarding Fire Fighter Certification in Connecticut. Should you have any questions, please contact Director of Certification Jason Decremer at 860-264-9225 or jason.decremer@ct.gov

5. CT Fire Academy Winter Recruit Orientation 2017

Additional Orientations in Fairfield

The Connecticut Fire Academy Recruit Firefighter program is a 14 week resident course that focuses on developing the knowledge, skills and abilities needed for the newly hired career firefighter or for the volunteer firefighter to perform entry-level tasks under direct supervision. The Academy is offering orientation sessions to anyone interested in learning about the Recruit Program and its comprehensive classroom instruction and training in firefighting techniques and equipment use. The orientation offers insights into what to expect, and how to prepare for this intensive training opportunity.

- ❖ **June 14, 2017 10am to 12pm Held at CFA Course Number: 17355**
- ❖ **JULY 10, 2017 10am to 12pm Held at Fairfield Regional FS Course Number: 18040**
- ❖ **JULY 10, 2017 6pm to 8pm Held at Fairfield Regional FS Course Number: 18041**
- ❖ **December 12, 2017 6pm to 8pm Held at CFA Course Number: 17353**
- ❖ **December 13, 2017 10am to 12pm Held at CFA Course Number: 17353**
- ❖ **December 14, 2017 6pm to 8pm Held at New Haven Regional F.S. Course Number: 17354**

Registration Required: Use the Standard CFA Application – Write “No Fee” .. see attached Flyer and Application

Applicants need only attend one delivery or the other, they are offered twice to increase availability

6. Vernon PD Hosting Fundraiser for Special Olympics

The Vernon Police Department will be hosting a fundraiser for Special Olympics on June 16, 2017.

The event is a 2-hour comedy show and will be held at the Rockville Elks Lodge (North Park Street) in the Carriage House. The doors open at 7:00 P.M. with an 8:00 P.M. start time for the show. Advanced purchase of the tickets is preferred, as there are a limited number of tickets available, and tickets at the door can't be guaranteed.

Tickets are \$25.00 per person for the event. Please consider coming out to help raise funds for Special Olympics of CT. Law Enforcement has been the #1 sponsor and supporter of Special Olympics worldwide and we here at the Vernon Police Department are trying to do our part in raising funds. If you organize a table of 8, you will be provided a reserved table.

Invite Family, Neighbors, Friends....make it a date night!!
Come on out for a night of laughs to help a great cause!!!
For tickets, please respond via email to Charles Hicking (chicking@vernon-ct.gov)

Checks would be made out to the "Vernon Police Association".

7. Employment Opportunity - East Haven - Certified Firefighter Paramedics

Town of East Haven is accepting applications for lateral transfers "certified firefighter" for the position of Firefighter Paramedic and the application can be found here:

<https://www.firefighterapp.com/East-Haven-CT-Firefighter-Jobs/954/>

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS EMAIL

CONNECTICUT FIRE ACADEMY

Recruit Firefighter Program

2017 ORIENTATION

Everyone currently on a hiring list is strongly encouraged to take this FREE class in order to best prepare for the upcoming Connecticut Fire Academy Recruit Classes.

The Connecticut Fire Academy Recruit Firefighter Program is a 14 week resident course that focuses on developing the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed for the newly hired career firefighter, or for the volunteer firefighter to perform entry-level tasks under direct supervision. The Academy is offering two orientation sessions to anyone interested in learning about the Recruit Program and its comprehensive classroom instruction and training in firefighting techniques and equipment use.

The Orientation to the Recruit Firefighter Program offers insights into what to expect, and how to prepare for this intensive training opportunity.

The NEXT 2017 Orientation to the Recruit Firefighter Program dates:

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JULY 10, 2017	10am to 12pm	Held at Fairfield Regional FS	Course Number: 18040
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Connecticut Fire Academy
34 Perimeter Road, Windsor Locks, Connecticut 06096

New Haven Regional Fire School
230 Ella Grasso Boulevard, New Haven, CT 06519

Registration Required: Use the 2017 CFA Student Application – Write “No Fee”



The CFA Recruit Firefighter Program

Class 60 will be held from August 28, to December 8, 2017.

Class 61 will be held from February 13 to May 23, 2018

For any questions, please contact: cfpcrecruit@ct.gov or 860-264-9243
See our Recruit Firefighter Program web page for more information; <http://www.ct.gov/cfpc>

Certification Questions

Revised June 2017

Q: Am I eligible to be certified?

A: Yes you are if you are at least 18 years of age, are an active member of a Connecticut Fire Department (or an out of State Fire Department that provides mutual aid to Connecticut Department, or an active member of the military), and meet the specific requirements contained in the State of Connecticut Regulations for the level of certification you are seeking.

Q: What levels can I be certified to?

A: As of June 2017, the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control offers certification Examinations for the following levels:

- Fire Fighter I, II
- Pump Operator
- Aerial Operator
- Mobile Water Supply (Tanker Operator)
- Fire Service Instructor I, II, III
- Fire Officer I, II, III, IV
- Health and Safety Officer
- Incident Safety Officer – Fire Suppression
- Hazardous Materials Awareness/Operations/WMD
- Hazardous Materials Technician
- Public Fire and Life Safety Education I
- Confined Space Technician I, II
- Trench Rescue Technician I, II
- Vehicle Rescue Technician I, II
- Rope Rescue Technician I, II
- Structural Collapse Rescue Technician

Q: How do I apply to take a certification test?

A: Upon completion of the appropriate training for a given level of certification, you may complete and submit the appropriate certification examination application. Written exam applications are available online at:

<http://www.ct.gov/cfpc/cwp/view.asp?Q=245496&cfpcPNavCtr=|#57465>

All Certification Examination Applications are also available at the Certification office on the Connecticut Fire Academy campus in Windsor Locks. Each application must be received by the Certification Division at least 10 days prior to the examination being

applied for.

Q: If I fail can I retake a certification exam without taking the training over again?

A: Candidates are eligible to retake failed examinations an unlimited number of times during a one-year period. Per State of Connecticut Regulations after the one-year time period has lapsed the entire Certification process must be restarted. Depending upon training course revisions or updates to NFPA standards you may need to retake the entire training program. In some extenuating circumstances you can ask for a 90-day extension. These requests need to be submitted in writing to the Director of Certification for review and approval.

Q: Do I have to take a Connecticut Fire Academy course to become certified?

A: The Commission on Fire Prevention and Control has determined that eligibility for many levels of certification is limited to persons who take Connecticut Fire Academy courses. Exceptions to that requirement are for the certification levels of Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Pump Operator, and Mobile Water Supply (Tanker Operator); training for which is not limited to Connecticut Fire Academy courses.

Q: Is my state certification recognized in other states or in Canada? Is my certification from another state, or country, or the Department of Defense recognized in Connecticut?

A: The Commission's Certification System has been accredited nationally by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications (Pro Board) and the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC). This accreditation allows Connecticut to award certification reciprocity based upon certifications awarded in other States, the United States Department of Defense, Canada, and conversely many states and Canadian Provinces will do the same.

Q: Can I challenge a certification examination?

A: The Certification Division has a process in place for you to petition for permission to challenge one or more components of an examination level without completing the training requirement specified above if, by evaluation of the Director of Certification, that person's education is equivalent to that which would have been received through the training program delivered by the Training Division of the Commission. Such challenge shall be limited to persons who are applying based upon certification(s) received from IFSAC or Pro Board accredited entity, or based upon equivalent training

and education received in a formal program. You can contact the Certification Director for further information, as well as other questions, at 860-264-9225.

Q: Can anyone ask about my certification status and exam grades or are those private matters?

A: The level of Certification that has been attained by an individual is a matter of public matter of public record and may be disclosed to interested parties. Examination scores and grades are private and will only be released to the individual.

Q: When can I expect to get my results?

A: Examination results are typically processed and mailed within four to six weeks after completion of the examination. The processing of results during the peak testing months of November, December, May, June, and July is generally delayed due to the sheer volume. However, written exam score results may be viewed on the following website within a week of exam completion:

<http://www.ct.gov/cfpc/cwp/view.asp?Q=477880&cfpcPNavCtr=|#57456>

Q: I see that there are now two levels of Safety Officer Certification, that of Health and Safety Officer and Incident Safety Officer – Fire Suppression. I was already certified as a Fire Department Safety Officer. Do I have to become certified again?

A: No. The two new levels of certification are the result of a change to the NFPA Standard against which the examination is based, NFPA Standard 1521. The new levels replace the former Fire Department Safety Officer level, but that level is still valid. If you wish to examine for one or both of the new levels you may do so following the normal process to prepare for and take an examination.

Q: How do I obtain Duplicate Certificates, order Patches and Rockers or receive a transcript?

A: You may submit an order form for one or all of these items. The form is available at the Certification Office or at the following link:

http://www.ct.gov/cfpc/lib/cfpc/Transcript_Request_Form-CC2016.pdf#57475

Q: What is CPAT certification?

A: CPAT (Candidate Physical Ability Test) is a practical exam used to test a candidate's

physical ability to perform a job task related to firefighting and is not related to the fire service certification examinations administered and delivered by the Commission's Certification Division. For more information on the CPAT process go to:

<http://www.ct.gov/cfpc/cwp/view.asp?a=826&Q=246722&cfpcNav=|>

Q: If I become certified as a Fire Service Instructor can I teach for the Connecticut Fire Academy?

A: Certification as a Fire Service Instructor means that you have successfully demonstrated your competency against the national standard for that level. From time to time employment opportunities for instructors at the Connecticut Fire Academy or Regional Fire Schools may be available. These opportunities generally have additional requirements that must be met. Contact the Academy or Regional School directly to determine what may be required.

Q: I have questions concerning the national certification by the Pro Board or IFSAC. Where can I find answers?

A: Go the Pro Board's FAQ page at: <http://theproboard.org/FAQ.htm> or to IFSAC's FAQ page at: <http://theproboard.org/FAQ.htm> for those answers.

STUDENT APPLICATION FORM 2017

CONNECTICUT FIRE ACADEMY
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

STUDENT APPLICATION

A separate application is required for each course.

Please print/type and mail/fax with payment to:
CFPC, 34 Perimeter Road, Windsor Locks, CT 06096-1069
• Fax (860) 654-1889

Last Name _____

First Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Primary) _____

Work _____

Cell _____

Fire Department/Organization _____

E-mail _____

Check box if you would like to subscribe your e-mail address to the CFPC listserve.

Are you 18 years of age or older? Yes No

(No one under 18 is allowed to participate in hands-on fire programs)

Medical Programs are open to 16-17 Years old

Returned check policy

A \$35.00 fee will be assessed to all returned checks (insufficient funds, stop payment, etc). In order to complete your registration after the receipt of a returned check, you must submit cash, money order, or a bank check including the amount of tuition and the returned check fee to the registrar.

ID Number _ _ _ - _ _ _ _

Your ID Consist of the First (3) Letters of your last name and Last (4) number of your social security number

Example: John Adams - SS # 000-00-5555
The new ID # will be **ADA-5555**

As Chief of the _____

Fire Department or as Supervisor of the _____

organization, _____

I hereby authorize the above applicant to participate in the program below and, therefore, understand that the above-named individual will be covered by my organization's Worker's Compensation Insurance while participating in such training, and that the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control, its commissioners, officers, agents or employees shall not be liable for any injuries sustained during such training.

This 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 or Supervisor Signature _____

No application will be accepted without tuition, authorized signature and proof of prerequisite (if needed).

Proof included. Register me for the following course:

Proof of Certification Prerequisite Attached

Course Title _____

Course # _____

Date(s) _____ Tuition _____

Method of Payment — Payment is required at time of registration. Faxes must include Credit Card or Purchase Order #.

Check, made payable to CFPC

Purchase Order #

Method of payment must be identified

VISA MasterCard Card # _____

Card Holder's Name: _____

Card Holder's Signature: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Security Code: _____

No cash accepted. Course fee must be paid by credit card, personal check, bank check or money order.