



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

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1. New Haven County Fire Emergency Plan June Meeting Notice - **Tonight**

The New Haven County Fire Emergency Plan June meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at the Dunbar Hill Volunteer Fire Co. #8 420 Dunbar Hill Rd in Hamden. The program will be ***Protecting Our Valuable Asset-NFPA 1851.***

2. Free Training Class for Fire & EMS Interacting with Special Needs Community

The Thompsonville Fire Department is hosting a 3 hour training class for Fire and EMS providers regarding the Special Needs Community. A.L.E.C. / Autism Law Enforcement Coalition, a nationally recognized nonprofit will be conducting a class specifically designed for firefighters and EMS personal regarding interactions with Special Needs Citizens. The class will be held at 35 North Main Street Enfield, Thompsonville Central Fire Station, on Thursday June 22nd from 1900-2200hrs. A dinner will be provided starting at 18:00. The dinner and class is offered free to the Fire and EMS community. Please RSVP to Captain Scott Ellis at sellis@enfield.org or 860-930-1024 ASAP.

3. CFA Bookstore News

The CFA Bookstore will be going to the New England Fire Chiefs Show at Foxwoods Casino this weekend. Stop by and see us, we will be in booths # 908 & 909. The CFA Bookstore will be closed Thursday, June 22nd, Friday June 23rd and Saturday, June 24th. See you at the show!!

Thanks, Pam and Karen

4. NHFD Benefit for Members Being Deployed

Two members of the New Haven FD are being deployed to Kuwait. A deployment send-off benefit is being held on Friday, June 23, 2017 from 3-8 p.m. at Bar 80 209 Foxon Rd in North Branford, CT. See the attached for additional information.

5. 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

6. Fire Technology Program

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.

See attached for more information

7. Firefighter Near Miss Report of the Week

FFs Disoriented at Commercial Structure Fire

Summary

This week is the annual Safety Stand Down Week, sponsored by the IAFC's Safety, Health and Survival Section and the National Volunteer Fire Council. To highlight this week's importance, we'll be distributing three ROTWs on the various topics outlined.

In our first report, firefighters advancing a hoseline during a commercial fire suddenly become disoriented. Instead of calling the mayday, they attempt to self-rescue, almost leading to an out-of-air situation.

Event Description

Another firefighter and I pulled a preconnected hoseline into an old grocery store that was being converted to a daycare. Inside the building, there was heavy black smoke and limited visibility. Together, we stretched the preconnect and came up short in regard to the location of the fire.

The decision was made to extend the hoseline by connecting it to another preconnected line. While this was being done, we decided to try and locate the fire. We located it, but became disoriented and were unable to find the hoseline or exit. We didn't radio for help, but continued to try to find the hose or exit. We eventually stumbled onto the hoseline and found our way out. Low air bells had been ringing for some time and each of us had less than 200 PSI on exit.

View the Report: [Crew disoriented at commercial structure fire](#)

Take-Aways

Becoming disoriented can occur at any incident. Are you ready? What have you done to prepare for the moment you find yourself disoriented?

Being both mentally and physically prepared for a mayday is paramount for success. The lessons learned here are to maintain orientation by staying on the hoseline and to communicate with command.

Discussion

- Does your department have a policy or guideline on firefighter self-rescue? If so, review and discuss it. If not, does your department need one? Why or why not?
- What training or best practices are you familiar with regarding firefighter self-rescue, specifically if you become lost or separated from your hoseline or crew?
- Does your department have formal training programs for ladder operators?
- What are your responsibilities if another firefighter becomes disoriented in a fire building? What should you do if they're on your crew versus another company or department?

Review the [IAFC's Rules of Engagement for Firefighter Survival](#). What specific rules speak to you as paramount?

Leading Practices

The most effective way to adequately prepare for a disoriented situation is to learn from similar incidents. Maintaining mental discipline while communicating to command is vital.

Firefighter safety and survival training should be stressful. This stress could come from distracting noises, limited time for escape or exposure to unknown buildings. Firefighters should experience the task of finding their way out while also regularly communicating with command, all while dealing with the outside stressors.

Using your department's knowledge base, discuss with other personnel various tips for using the hoseline as a guide and practice finding the way out using not just a straight hoseline but an entangled one as well.

Related Near Miss Reports

- [Crew Separated During Training Fire](#)
- [Crew Becomes Disoriented During Search](#)
- [Mayday Called by Lost Firefighter](#)

Additional Resources

- [2017 Safety Stand Down Resources](#)
- [IAFF Fire Ground Survival Program](#)
- [U.S. Firefighter Disorientation Study \(PDF\)](#)
- [SWFA Firefighter Self Rescue](#)

8. CFPC/CFA Follow us on Twitter and Facebook

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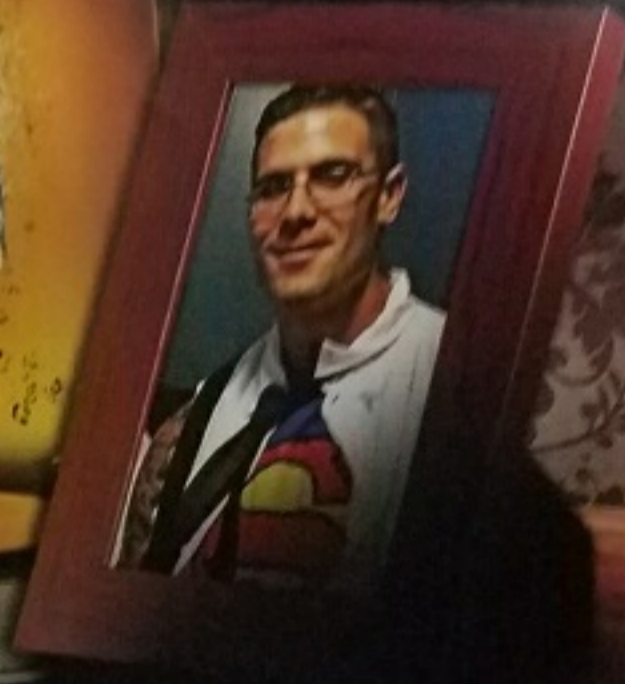
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Gateway Community Fire Technology Courses

GWCC is now accepting applications for the Fall 2017 semester

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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.comnet.edu for further information.

