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State of Connecticut
Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection
Commission on Fire Prevention and Control
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1. CSFA Legislative Update

This week's CSFA Legislative Update from Leon Collins contains a detailed schedule of events for Fire Service Day, Wednesday, April 11th, 2018. The update also contains new information re: the "Fireworks Bill" SB 435. Also attached is the official response from the Fire Service for this proposed legislation.

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2. Accelerated Fire Classes

The Litchfield County Regional Fire Training School announces its Spring/Summer accelerated Firefighter 1 and Firefighter 2 classes. These are fast-moving and require a self-motivated student that is comfortable with online learning. Almost all traditional classroom sessions are online. Fire ground activities are in the evening from 6 pm to 10 pm, two nights per week.

The Firefighter 1 class will be held at the Goshen Fire Department with some classes being off-site.
The Firefighter 2 class will be held at the Bethlehem Fire Department with some classes being off-site.

Both classes will meet for their orientation on Monday, May 14th at 7 pm. The site is to be determined.
Schedules and an application are attached.

If you have questions, please call Richard Marcus 860-307-2267

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3. Employment Opportunity – P/T Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Director – Town of Granby

The Town of Granby has an opening for a part-time Fire Marshal ~ Emergency Management Director. Please see the attached position description. Applications will be accepted until 12:30 P.M. on Friday, April 27, 2018. The Town of Granby is an equal opportunity employer.

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4. Fire Service Instructor I in Litchfield still has openings!

The FSI I class in Litchfield still has several openings. Sign up soon for this very popular class!
The class runs on six consecutive Saturdays starting April 14.
The written exam is scheduled for June 2.

Class cost is $ 430.00 plus the text book and you can get an application at www.ct.gov/cfpc and click on the 2018 Calendar tab.

Hope to see you there.

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5. CFA - EMT Refresher – Starts April 16

Seats Still Available: Emergency Medical Technician Refresher (EMT-R)
Sponsor: Connecticut Fire Academy

There are plenty of open seats for the EMT Refresher to be held at the Connecticut Fire Academy April 16, 18, 23, & 25, 2018 8:30 – 4:30

Emergency Medical Technician Refresher (EMT-R) Class to be held at the CFA
This course reviews and refreshes knowledge and skills required for Emergency Medical Technicians currently certified according to the latest U.S. DOT EMT/ EMR-Basic National Standard Curriculum. Classroom and "hands-on" training will update the EMT/EMR on current practices and confirm skill levels. A review and renewal of Healthcare Provider CPR will be conducted in conformance with the latest JAMA standards through approved programs of the American Heart Association. Written and practical examinations will be conducted in conformance with the policies established by the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health.

Training Prerequisites: Certified Emergency Medical Technician/Emergency Medical Responder. Proof must be submitted with application.

Required Text: Jones and Bartlett: American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons (AAOS) Emergency Medical Technician Transition Manual.

Class Hours: 32
Course Fee: $275.00
Course Number: 18165

http://www.ct.gov/cfpc/cwp/view.asp?a=889&q=246690

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6. CFA Juvenile Firesetter Specialist I – Danbury – April 25 & 26 – Sign Up Now

The goal of the course is to provide the skills and tools necessary to become a Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist I. The class will address the NFPA 1035 Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist I including: Introduction; Primary Prevention; Identification and Intake; Who Sets Fires and Why?, and Interviewing and Intervention Strategies. Students will be introduced to the
NPFA 1035 Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist I Professional Standard and the individual will learn to conduct an interview with a firesetter and their family using prepared forms and guidelines. They will also learn who, based on recommended practice, may determine the need for referral for counseling and/or implement educational intervention strategies to mitigate effects of firesetting behavior.

Course is designed for individuals that have responsibilities related to Juvenile Firesetting Intervention, interviewing, and prevention. The target audience includes practitioners who interact with children who are involved in firesetting and/or arson behavior and their families. In addition to the fire service, professionals from a myriad of fields including Mental Health, Law Enforcement, Education, Counseling Services, and Social Services can benefit from the training.

Training Prerequisites: NONE

Required Text: IFSTA Fire and Life Safety Educator, 3rd Edition.
Certification testing time: Requires an additional date for certification written testing.

Course # 18182
Cost: $165.00
Class Hours: 16 FM Credit: 16 EMS-I Credit: None
Those interested should fill out CFA application

http://www.ct.gov/cfpc/cwp/view.asp?Q=599068&A=833

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7. Firefighter Near Miss Report of the Week

Suicidal Patient Has Handgun

Summary

An EMS crew responded to a call where a woman had attempted to commit suicide by overdosing on pills. While they were assessing her, she reached into her purse and removed a loaded handgun.

Event Description

An EMS crew responded to a medical call for a suicidal patient who said she had taken 100 pills and wanted to go to sleep and never wake up again. Law enforcement was on scene and had declared the scene safe before the fire crew entered the scene and assessed the patient. She was initially distraught and didn't want treatment but eventually agreed. One member went to get some nasal spray she requested from her purse and another went to get the cot. The patient got up and headed toward the bathroom when she noticed her purse sitting nearby. It was next to a rifle case on the floor that was already noted by one of the members. As the patient approached her purse, another crew member moved next to the rifle case to impede access to it.

The patient was allowed access her purse to locate her nasal spray. However, she removed a loaded handgun from the purse, keeping it pointed at the ground, and appeared to attempt to secure it. The law-enforcement officer on the scene rapidly secured the handgun and removed it. After placing the pistol in the patient's bedroom, the officer observed that there were multiple guns in the room.

View the Report: Suicidal Patient Has Handgun

Take-Aways

Information must be gathered from dispatch information as we approach the scene and as we enter and begin to assess any patient.

It's important for all crew members to be aware of their surroundings on all calls. When possible, it's useful for one member, preferably an officer, to stand back and observe the overall scene while the other members perform their assigned tasks.

Discussion

- What are your agency's policies and procedures for responding with law enforcement to a potentially dangerous situation?
- On what types of incidents should we be especially cautious?
- Who on the scene is responsible for the safety of the crew? Discuss ways that risks can be reduced.
- Why is it important to maintain a good working relationship with your local law-enforcement members and what can be done to foster this relationship?

Leading Practices

All members on scene must maintain a high level of situational awareness at all times. If you see something, say something. Don't rely solely on information received while en route to the call.

Don't assume that just because law enforcement is on scene that all risks have been mitigated. It's critical that you be able to communicate with law enforcement. If you're unable to talk to them on their radio channel while en route, it's important that dispatch relay any pertinent information.

Attacks against first responders are becoming more commonplace. Never assume it's just a routine call or that the scene is safe. Be sure to use all the tools at your disposal to ensure the safety of yourself and your crew.

Related Near Miss Reports

- Crew Surprised When Patient Reaches for Handgun
- Medevac Unit Unknowingly Flies Out Armed Patient
- Weapons Found During Routine Medical Call
- Occupant Presents a Weapon During Investigation

Additional Resources

- USFA: Violence Against EMS Responders
- Violence against emergency medical services personnel: A systematic review of the literature (PDF)
- EMS1.com: Scene safety tips for violent patients and bystanders
- WashingtonTimes.com: Violent attacks on calls prompt more EMTs to get body armor