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1. CSFA Legislative Update

This week's update from CSFA Legislative Representative Leon Collins has a report on Fire Service Day 2018. The update also contains our 2018 legislative priorities brochure, a flyer from the Fire Marshals stating our opposition to the "Fireworks Bill" and an updated House Bill Status Report.

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2. Fire Service Instructor II Class in Cheshire Still Has Many Openings!

The Fire Service Instructor II class scheduled for April 29, May 6, 13, 20 and 27 (Exam Date Jun10) still has many spots available.

Designed for the Fire Service Instructor I, Fire Service Instructor II is a comprehensive course designed to meet the requirements or NFPA 1041. Topics covered include: managing instructional resources, development of instructional materials, supervising other instructors, and evaluation. Students will complete a project and deliver a 20 minute presentation. Access to a computer with internet access is mandatory. Homework assignments will be completed and submitted online. Study and support materials are online. Formative assessment will be submitted online.

Training Prerequisites: Certified Fire Service Instructor I. Proof must be submitted with application.
Required Text: IFSTA Fire and Emergency Services Instructor, 8th Edition

The class cost is $ 330.00 per student and that does not include the cost of the text book. You must be certified as a Fire Service Instructor I to take the certification exam for this class. If anyone is interested, please go the CFPC website and get your application in ASAP. We hope to see you there. http://www.ct.gov/cfpc/cwp/view.asp?a=889&q=246690

Fillable Course Application on line – Fax in to CFA
Link to registration form
http://www.ct.gov/cfpc/lib/cfpc/CFA_2018_New_Student_Application_Fillable.pdf

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3. Firefighter Near Miss Report of the Week

PPV Fans Cause Surprises

Summary

Positive-pressure fans are a tool you can find on many apparatuses. They can be used for a positive-pressure attack or simply to remove smoke from a cooking incident. Electric or gas-powered, they all feature a fan spinning at a high RPM. This can send a piece flying in the event of a failure. Frequent inspections and adherence to operating instructions can minimize this risk and keep everyone on the fireground safe.

Event Description

During a live-fire training evolution, a PPV fan was moved while running on low idle. The fan was then throttled up and the firefighter left the fan to get a new air bottle.

As the firefighter was halfway down the outside stairs, there was a loud bang and the fan started bouncing across the surface. The firefighter returned to the fan and one of the trainers exited the building to see what had happened.

The fan was stopped, and it was discovered that one of the blades had broken off. The

shroud was intact but a large chunk of the blade (about four inches) was found nearby, presumably having been blown through the protective grill.
View the Report: PPV Fan Blades Break While Being Moved

Take-Aways

Positive-pressure fans use either a gasoline or electric motor or a hoseline to spin a fan at a high RPM to create a column of air that can be used to pressurize a building. This pressure can help with positive-pressure attack or can clear smoke after fire attack is completed.

These fans typically are stored in an apparatus compartment and are carried or rolled into position on the fireground. Fan blades are constructed of cast metal or composite material and encased in a protective shroud.

In the event of a fan-blade failure, pieces can become projectiles and potentially leave the protective shroud. These pieces would present a hazard to anyone downstream of the fan.

Discussion

- What procedures does your agency have in place for periodic inspection of PPV fan blades?
- Does your fan have metal or composite blades?
- What restrictions does your fan manufacturer have regarding moving while the fan is operating?

Leading Practices

One important thing to remember is to always ensure a fan is shut down before moving it. Moving a fan with the blades spinning, can cause them to impact the shroud, or strike something else, resulting a catastrophic failure of the blades. Always stop the fan, reposition it, then restart the fan no matter how small of a move is to be made.

When running the fan periodically during truck checks, take the time to clean the blades and examine them for cracks or other damage before running it. When starting the fan, ensure no one is in front of the fan in case there is a blade failure.

All in all, these are extremely safe tools, with most incidents being the result of failing to follow operating instructions. With a little care and maintenance, these fans will provide safe service to your department for many years to come.

Related Near Miss Reports

PPV Fan Nearly Strikes Firefighter
PPV Fan Blade Fails When Moved into Position
Possible Powered Fan Failure Sends Parts Flying
Blade from PPV Fan Becomes Projectile

Additional Resources

UL Positive Pressure Attack – UL Firefighter Safety Research Institute

History of Positive Pressure Attack in the Fire Service (PDF)
FireEngineering.com Article: Using Electric Fans for PPV

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4. NIMS Emergency Operations Center Documents – Request for Public Input

FEMA's National Integration Center is seeking public feedback on a number of National Incident Management System (NIMS) Resource Management component documents that enhance interoperability and the effectiveness of mutual aid. This National Engagement Period will conclude at **5:00 p.m. EDT on May 9, 2018.**

The National Engagement Period provides an opportunity for interested parties to comment on newly developed supplemental guidance.

Today's release includes:

- **NIMS Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Skillsets User Guide and 17 EOC Skillsets** to help create a national vocabulary for EOC personnel qualifications, while remaining flexible for the diversity of EOC organization structures.
- **NIMS EOC Director and Division/Group Supervisor (DIVS) Job Titles/Position Qualifications** that define minimum qualifications criteria for personnel serving in these positions.
- **Accompanying Position Task Books (PTB)** that identify the competencies, behaviors and tasks that personnel should demonstrate to become qualified for a these positions.

For more information and to watch a webinar that discusses the documents, please visit the FEMA website.

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5. CSFA Irregulars – Rescheduled Meeting – April 18th

Members and guests,

The Connecticut State Firefighters Association - Irregulars meeting originally scheduled for March 21, but postponed due to weather, has been rescheduled to **Wednesday, April 18** at Sandy Hook. Anyone that plans on attending please RSVP by emailing Charlie Coakley, Secretary so we can get an accurate count. Dinner information is as follows: Social Hour at 6:00 PM, Dinner at 6:45 PM at the Sandy Hook Fire Department, 18 Riverside Road, Sandy Hook (Newtown), 06482. Please advise that there is plenty of parking in the back of the Fire Station and to enter through the glass doors, on the side of the building closest to the parking lot.

Menu will be Appetizers (Veggies & Dip, Pepperoni, Cheese & Crackers), Dinner will be Salad, Bread, Roast Beef with Au Jus, Make Your Own Baked Potato and a Vegetable. Dessert will be an assortment provided by the
Ladies' Auxiliary. Cost will be $25.00 per person.

Please note if anyone wants to pay their dues for 2018 we can take care of that at the meeting.

regards,

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6. Employment Opportunity – P/T Fire Marshal / Emergency Management Dir. – Town of Granby

Town of Granby seeks to hire a part-time Fire Marshal - Emergency Management Director. The Fire Marshal - Emergency Management Director performs inspections on all buildings, public service facilities, and occupancies except for one and two family dwellings for conformance with State fire safety codes and identifies and enforces corrections to be made including the closing of structures. Investigates the causes and origins of fires; reviews construction and development plans, and certifies day cares, medical centers and liquor premises for state licensing.
The Emergency Management Director responsibilities include monitoring, maintaining and updating the Emergency Operation Plan for the town, overseeing the Community Response Team (CERT) and staffing and managing the Emergency Operations Center during emergencies.
The qualifications required would generally be acquired with a Bachelor's Degree in Fire Science or Management plus four years of experience in fire suppression including at least one year of code enforcement experience, or an Associate's of Science degree in Fire Science or Management plus six years fire suppression experience with at least one year of code enforcement experience. Connecticut State Fire Marshal Certificate preferred.

Hours: 25 hours per week Salary: $26.00 per hour

Applications and job descriptions may be obtained at www.granby-ct.gov or from Town Manager's Office, 15 North Granby Road, Granby, CT 06035 on Monday through Wednesday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Thursday between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., and Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Applications will be accepted until 12:30 p.m. on Friday, April 20, 2018.

The Town of Granby is an equal opportunity employer.

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7. CT DOT Office of Rail Administrator Passenger Train Emergency Preparedness Workshop

Purpose:
Beginning May 20, 2018, CTDOT will be introducing a New Passenger Service between New Haven Union Station and Springfield, MA., CT*rail.* The service will more than double the number of passenger trains operating through State Street, Wallingford, Meriden, Berlin, Hartford, Windsor, Windsor Locks and Springfield Union Station and will introduce new passenger train equipment.
This workshop will provide participants with an opportunity to:

- Learn about the new service
- Better understand Railroad Safety
- Learn how communication flows from a disabled train through to response organizations
- Learn about the emergency features on the locomotives and cars
- Meet the key managers responsible for operating the service
- Learn how the Federal Railroad Administration conducts Forensic Accident Investigations and interfaces with the NTSB, railroads and response agencies

Location of Workshop: Connecticut Fire Academy, located at 34 Perimeter Rd, Windsor Locks, CT 06096

Date & Time: April 25, 2018; 1300 to 1530

Registration:
Please complete the registration information attached and Email the completed form to: Jessica Peruti at, Jessica.peruti@wsp.com if you have difficulties registering please call Jessica at 860 815 0261 or Danny Knote at 631 461 6406

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8. Beacon Hose Truck 6 Wetdown

Beacon Hose Co. No. 1 will host a wetdown ceremony to welcome its new Truck 6 on Sunday, April 29, at noon at the firehouse, located at 35 North Main Street in Beacon Falls. Truck 6 is a 2017 Pierce Ascendant with a 107-foot ladder and 500 gallons of water. Complimentary bologna sandwiches and drinks will be served, T-shirts will be on sale, and tickets will be sold for the department's upcoming raffle with a $10,000 grand prize and $17,000 worth of total prizes. All departments and apparatus are invited to participate in the ceremony.

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9. Statewide Firefighter Test Announced

Fire Service careers are tremendously rewarding and a great opportunity for those who have a desire to provide emergency services to the public. Firefighters work in a team oriented environment to make a difference in the lives of those who call for help

Eleven Connecticut communities have joined together to offer an Entry Level Testing program for men and women interested in a Fire Service career. This consortium of Fire Departments is currently accepting applications through a testing company

'IO Solutions'. Applications must be submitted directly thought IO Solutions at *IOSolutions.com*. Application period closes May 4, 2018.

The goals of this program are threefold.

1) Reduce the testing cost for applicants. Typically applicants must participate in independent testing processes each requiring an application fee and a written and oral examination. This is costly and time consuming for applicants. The consortium will charge a single fee and applicants take one written and oral examination to qualify for up to 10 departments.
2) Reduce the testing cost for municipalities. Historically, municipalities conduct independent tests for Firefighter applicants. This process is time consuming and expensive for department and human resource staffs. The applicant pool is essentially the same and communities test and retest the same individuals. The Consortium has shifted the management of the test process to a private vendor and the cost to applicants in the form of an Application Fee.

Note: The individual department and communities make the final selection per local hiring rules and this may include a separate interview by the Department, Fire Commission or Human Resources Department.

3) Improve Diversity. The Consortium is working to increase diversity of women and minorities in the applicant pool. Recruitment from the urban communities will help us meet this challenge. A diverse fire service statewide is best suited to meet the needs of the communities we serve.

For local information please contact the following participating Fire Departments directly:

Branford Fire Department
East Hartford Fire Department
Fairfield Fire Department
Farmington Fire Department
Mansfield Fire and Emergency Services
Naugatuck Fire Department
New Canaan Fire Department
North Haven Fire Department
South Fire District Middletown
Westport Fire Department
Wilton Fire Department

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