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State of Connecticut
Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection
Commission on Fire Prevention and Control
April 25, 2018

1. **Metro - North Railroad Passenger Train Emergency Response Training - Tonight**
2. **Employment Opportunity - Deputy Fire Chief - Mashantucket Pequot Fire**
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4. **HCFEP & CRCA Joint Meeting – May 16th**
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6. **Medical Management of CBRNE Incidents Course**
7. **Firefighter Near Miss Report of the Week**

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1. Metro - North Railroad Passenger Train Emergency Response Training - Tonight

Danbury Fire will be hosting a passenger train emergency class at Danbury Hospitals Creasy Auditorium on April 25th **(Tonight**) at 7:00 pm. Attendees of this class will be invited to future mock train emergency drill with trains provided by MTA. If you would like to attend , please reach out to Training Officer Steve Rogers at 203-313-2250 or email at **s.rogers@danbury-ct.gov**.

Location:
Training will take place at Danbury Hospital, 24 Hospital Avenue in Danbury. The John Creasy Auditorium is located in the main entrance lobby Food and refreshments will be provided courtesy of the Fairfield County Fire

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2. Employment Opportunity - Deputy Fire Chief - Mashantucket Pequot Fire

Under the direction of the Chief of Fire and Emergency Services, the incumbent is responsible for assisting the Chief in the overall operation and management of the Mashantucket Pequot Fire and Emergency Services Department and carries out the function of Chief in his/her absence. This includes the safety, enforcement and compliance with all

applicable Federal, State and Tribal laws and regulations pertaining to Fire Safety systems, and New Construction fire protection. Serves as the Deputy Fire Marshal and Acting Fire Marshal in the Chief's absence. Oversees the daily scheduling and responsibilities of the Fire Captains. Scope of responsibility includes the direct supervision of all fire protection system specialists as well as all fire safety systems for all Reservation properties and Tribally owned business enterprises. The employee holds the applicable rank insignia pertaining to the second in command. Keeps updated and knowledgeable of all Emergency Management protocols. Associates degree in Fire Technology and Administration, five or more years of management experience is preferred. Maintenance and continued currency of all Certifications is required. Certification as a Fire Officer II, Fire Marshal, an E.P.A. Hazardous Materials Technician and Emergency Medical Technician. Please note that we have designated this position as a "key" position pursuant to the Tribal and Native American Preference Law.

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3. Join Company 3 for its 9th Annual Pasta Dinner Fundraiser on May 5th.

Back by popular demand, Newington's West Hill Fire Company (or Company #3) welcomes you to its 9th annual pasta Dinner at Newington High School on Saturday, May 5th, 2018 from 4-8 p.m. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for senior citizens and children ages 5-12. Children under 5 eat for free.
The Pasta Dinner is one of several fundraisers each year to benefit Company 3. Now in its ninth year, the Pasta Dinner is a huge success. We served over 350 guests last year alone! Proceeds from the Pasta Dinner and other Company #3 fundraisers are used towards standby meals, items needed for the firehouse, public education events, and other needs for Company 3 in its mission to serve the local community.
Come out and support Newington's Bravest

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4. HCFEP & CRCA Joint Meeting – May 16th

SAVE THE DATE OF MAY 16th! - Hartford County Fire Emergency Plan and the Capital Region Chief's Association plan a joint meeting which will include apparatus displays of recent deliveries along with a presentation from the Enfield Special Operations Team. Chief Duffy and the Bradley Fire Department will be the host and will conclude the meeting with a BBQ dinner for all attendees. Event begins at 6:30 at Bradley Airport Fire Department Station 1 off Rte 75, Windsor Locks. See the attached flyer.

(NOTE: ANY AREA FIRE DEPARTMENTS WITH NEW EQUIPMENT THAT WOULD LIKE TO SHOW TO THE ATTENDEES PLEASE CONTACT CHIEF JIM BALDIS @ 860-818-0477 or JBALDIS@SIMSBURYFD.ORG)

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5. Annual Suffield Firfefighters 5K Road Race

On Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 9:00AM (registration begins at 7:00 am), the Suffield Firefighters Association will host the Annual Suffield Firefighters 5K Road Race at Spaulding

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additional details are posted as attachments.

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6. Medical Management of CBRNE Incidents Course

Dates/Times: May 19th & 20th 9 am - 5 pm
Location: Code One East Hartford - 121 Roberts Street East Hartford, CT 06108
Fee: $35 includes the class, breakfast, lunch and refreshments both days.
Details: Medical Management of CBRNE Incidents equips emergency care providers with the skills needed to detect, triage, treat, and transport victims of Chemical, Biological, Radioactive, Nuclear and Explosive incidents.

Training consists of lectures, facilitated discussions, and small group simulations to promote critical thinking in clinical situations involving CBRNE exposure.
This course is provided by the Texas A&M University Extension Service in conjunction with FEMA and has been approved for 16 hours of CEU's.
For more information or to register visit: https://code1web.com/cbrne

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7. Firefighter Near Miss Report of the Week

Aerial Struck by Lightening

Summary

Fire crews were battling a fire at a large commercial structure when they learned a thunderstorm was imminent. They left their apparatus and sought shelter in a nearby warehouse just minutes before the aerial platform was struck by lightning.

Event Description

Crews were involved in defensive operations at a large commercial structure. About 30 minutes into operations, the area was placed under a severe thunderstorm warning, which was upgraded to a tornado warning. Doppler radar indicated a possible tornado 15 miles west of the location and moving east.

By the time it reached the crew’s location, the storm’s leading edge was producing heavy rain and lightning; command staff was in constant contact with local emergency management officials on the impending weather. The conditions and a threatening tornado made fireground operations unsafe, and the IC decided to suspend all fireground operations and advised all personnel to seek shelter in the business next door.

Two firefighters were positioned in the platform when order was given; they climbed down the ladder, leaving it still in the raised position. Within 30 seconds after the last firefighter had dismounted the ladder, the platform was struck by lightning.

View the Report: Aerial Platform Hit by Lightning During Thunderstorm

Take-Aways

When people think of a near miss, they often think of a situation where mistakes were made but the individuals involved were lucky that there weren't more serious consequences. Many near-miss reports deal with human error, loss of situational awareness, poor or absent communication, faulty decision-making or a combination of these and many other factors.

In this report, the right decisions were made and the right procedures followed; however, the near miss still occurred, though a more catastrophic outcome was avoided.

Discussion

- Discuss what went right in this report. Is there anything that was missed? How could the outcome have changed if any of these steps were missed?
- Who on the fireground is responsible for the safety of crews on scene? How can ICs, division and group supervisors, truck and engine company officers, and individuals on scene communicate effectively to pass along information about imminent hazards that others may not be aware of?
- What is the fireground emergency-evacuation procedure for your agency? Is it the same as other mutual-aid departments you respond with? Have you drilled with these procedures to ensure everyone is aware of how to respond in the event of a potential fireground emergency?

Leading Practices

Lessons can be learned from studying the what went right and what went wrong at both your own incidents and those of other departments. This report demonstrates the importance of an incident commander using all the resources available to maintain strong situational awareness. It also proves the importance of effective communication, a solid incident command structure and good fireground accountability.

Review near misses, post-incident analyses and NIOSH line-of-duty death reports on your own and with your crews. Discussing these incidents as a group provides different perspectives that can highlight how to operate differently and avoid repeating mistakes.

"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." (~George Santayana)

Related Near Miss Reports

- Lightning Shocks Apparatus Operator
- Lightning Struck Chimney Falls during Extinguishment
- FFs Work in Environmental Hazards
- Aerial Ladder Extended as Lightning Rod

Additional Resources

- NFPA: Lightning Fires and Lightning Strikes (PDF)
- SunSentinel.com: Lightning strike injures firefighters in Boca Raton
- WildfireMagazine.com: Advice on Lightning Safety and Firefighting

OSHA: Lightning Safety When Working Outdoors (PDF)

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