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State of Connecticut
Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection
Commission on Fire Prevention and Control
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1. CT FF Health, Wellness and Fitness Week 9/17-23/2017

The CT FF Health and Safety Consortium has declared the week of September 17-23 CT FF Health, Wellness and Fitness Week. They have developed a guide for the entire CT fire service to use in order to get started or, to enhance their heath, wellness, fitness and related safety programs. All are urged to review this guide and to start the discussion today! Please see attached.

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2. Statement From New Britain Fire Chief Thomas Ronalter

New Britain Fire Chief Thomas Ronalter has announced that he will retire from the Fire Department after almost 35 years of service effective October 2, 2017.

"I was born and raised in New Britain, and I have been honored and privileged to serve the City for 35 years as a firefighter, Lieutenant, Captain, Deputy Chief and Chief of Department. I am fortunate to have worked with talented New Britain firefighters and fire officers over these decades. Amongst both grandfathers, my brother and myself, we have given over 120 years of service to the Department."

“We have accomplished much since I became Chief in 2012, particularly in upgrading the facilities and equipment used by the Fire Department. We have made our firefighters, and the people they protect, safer with all new firefighter Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), Thermal Imaging Cameras (TIC) and the latest Vehicle Extrication Equipment. We involved fire personnel in a participatory process to recommend design and specifications for these major purchases. We improved and innovated training and education programs for both firefighters and command staff. We have proudly conducted a first ever Annual Firefighter Memorial Service for fallen City firefighters and retired firefighters in 2016, and again in 2017,” stated Ronalter.
“I am proud of a one-million-dollar competitive Federal grant written and received to purchase a new ladder truck. The City recently ordered three new fire engines, which will be delivered next March. These new cutting-edge apparatus, will dramatically enhance firefighter safety and expand firefighters’ capabilities at emergency incidents. The engine apparatus will be the first in Connecticut to use Auxiliary Power Units (APU) to reduce fuel use by 20%,” said Chief Ronalter.

“We have increased engagement with all segments of the community. I am particularly proud of the fact that 50% of our new firefighter hires during my tenure have been minorities and women. This moves the Department closer to the important goal of a diverse workforce reflective of the residents we serve. Some of these talented individuals are bilingual in Spanish and Polish, military veterans, City residents, EMTs, volunteer firefighters and college graduates. These new firefighters also were the first to participate in a new, rigorous probationary firefighter training and evaluation program. This program provides the foundation and guidance for these new firefighters to be productive and well-trained Department members for decades to come. They are the future of the New Britain Fire Department. As to the future, I wish the next Fire Chief well as he builds on the solid foundation of great people, programs and facilities for continued progress within the New Britain Fire Department,” said Fire Chief Thomas Ronalter.

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3. Employment Opportunity – New Britain – Assistant Master Mechanic

NATURE OF WORK IN THIS CLASS: Under the general supervision of the Master Mechanic, makes major and minor repairs and adjustments to all types of fire apparatus and equipment.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF DUTIES: Assists the Master Mechanic in the overhaul, repair, and maintenance of all Fire Department apparatus including but not limited to cars, pumps, generators, and all other mechanical equipment assigned to the Fire Department. Conducts testing and repairing of fire hose; assists the Master Mechanic in instructing department personnel in the use and operation of all Fire Department apparatus and equipment; and assists in the inspection of all department apparatus and equipment. Performs related work as required. Shall not have any duties, responsibilities or overtime in a firefighting capacity. As this position does not require certification as a firefighter, the only advancement opportunity available with the department is the Master Mechanic positon.

Applications must be on file with the Civil Service Commission/Personnel, Room 409, City Hall, no later than Friday, October 06, 2017 at 4:00 P.M. Application forms may be

obtained at the office of the Civil Service Commission/Personnel, Room 409, City Hall, 27 West Main St., New Britain, CT 06051. Tel (860) 826-3404 or online at www.newbritainct.gov.

See attached for more information

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4. Vision 20/20 Information

Established and Free of Charge Community Risk Reduction and Public Information Resources from the

National Vision 20/20 Symposium 2016

Fully established and marketing tested materials are available for Community Risk Reduction, Fire Prevention, Community Relations, Public Education, & Youth Fire Setter Intervention Programs. These programs have been developed and presented by fire departments, health and safety organizations, and professional associations throughout the United States. This information will be helpful for grant applications or grant supported programs that you may already have ready to go or in progress.

Please see the attached flyer for details.
For more information regarding these programs and their presenters please contact the *CT State Representative for the* **Vision 20/20 Symposium 2016**; *Terri Trenholm, Fire & Life Safety Specialist, DAS/DCS/Office of State Fire Marshal via email at* terri.trenholm@ct.gov .

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5. New England Association of Fire Marshals Educational Conference and Meeting has been Cancelled

The New England Association of Fire Marshals Educational Conference and Meeting on September 20-21, 2017 has been cancelled. As many of you are aware Hurricane / Tropical storm Jose is forecasted to have an impact on the New England coast line. The officers of the association feel we should keep the safety of the attendees in the forefront as many will travel to attend this conference. Secondly this will allow attendees located in the projected impact areas of the storm to be available in their respected communities. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and look to reschedule this conference soon.

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6. 15th Annual Connecticut Fallen Firefighters Memorial – September 24, 2017

On behalf of the Connecticut State Firefighter's Association Memorial Foundation is pleased to extend to you an invitation to attend the 15th Annual Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service scheduled for Sunday, September 24, 2017 (Rain or Shine) at the Connecticut Fire Academy, 34 Perimeter Road in Windsor Locks beginning at 12:30 P.M.

Please see the attached flyer.

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7. Wolcott State Fire Training School Fall Firefighter 2 Course

The Wolcott State Fire School is offering a Fall 2017 Firefighter 2 course beginning on Tuesday, September 26th. Application closing date is extended ~~September 15th~~. Please see the attached for course details and registration. Tuition is $850 including certification fees.