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1. FEMA Releases Refreshed National Incident Management System (NIMS)

This year's active hurricane and fire seasons highlight the importance of working together before, during, and after disasters of all types and sizes. The National Incident Management System (NIMS) provides a common, nationwide approach to enable the whole community to work together to manage all threats and hazards.

Today, FEMA released the refreshed NIMS to ensure that this important guidance continues to reflect the collective expertise of the whole community. NIMS applies to all incidents, regardless of cause, size, location or complexity.

Through an iterative process of engagement with stakeholders from across the nation, FEMA reviewed more than 3,000 comments to update NIMS guidance and incorporate the collective expertise and experience of the whole community.

The refreshed NIMS:

Retains key concepts and principles of the 2004 and 2008 versions of NIMS.
- Reflects and incorporates policy updates from lessons learned from exercises and real-world incidents and disasters.
- Clarifies the processes and terminology for qualifying, certifying and credentialing incident personnel, building a foundation for the development of a national qualification system.
- Clarifies that NIMS is more than just the Incident Command System (ICS), and that it applies to all incident personnel, from the incident command post to the National Response Coordination Center.
- Describes common functions and terminology for staff in Emergency Operations Centers (EOC), while remaining flexible to allow for differing missions, authorities and resources of EOCs across the nation.
- Explains the relationship among ICS, EOCs and senior leaders/policy groups.

FEMA will host a series of 60-minute webinars to discuss the updates in the refreshed NIMS and answer questions related to NIMS. The webinars will be open to the whole community.

To review the refreshed NIMS document and for additional webinar information, visit: https://www.fema.gov/national-incident-management-system.

FEMA continues to support strengthening the security and resilience of the nation by working to improve the ability of all to manage incidents, events and emergencies.

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2. USFA Updates Report on Electronic Cigarette Fires and Explosions

Fires and explosions caused by e-cigarettes are not common, but their consequences can be devastating and life-altering for the victims. The main cause of the fires and explosions is failure of the lithium-ion batteries. Learn how e-cigarettes work, about recent fire and explosion incidents, and why the e-cigarette/lithium-ion battery combination presents a new and unique hazard to users. **Download the report** **PDF 1.5 MB**

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3. Windsor EMS Hosting National Registry Paramedic Refresher

Windsor EMS will be hosting a National Registry Paramedic Refresher course beginning on Tuesday Oct. 24 and will be held most Tuesday evenings through February 13, 2018. The cost is $350. For more information please visit www.windsorctems.com under the "EMS Courses" section. See the attached flier for registration details.

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4. NFPA Contamination Control Project

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards Council has received a New Project Initiation Request from the fire service asking NFPA consider developing an ANSI Accredited Standard to establish the minimum requirements for the effective contamination control of fire department personnel, their personal protective equipment (PPE), accessories, and equipment.

Firefighter health risks associated with PPE contaminant exposure reflects one of the most pressing concerns within the fire service. A number of organizations, including the Fire Protection Research Foundation, continue working to identify methods for adequately cleaning firefighter gear and mitigating those risks.

As a result of multiple efforts, including "Campaign for Fire Service Contamination Control" – a one-year project conducted by the Fire Protection Research Foundation that's nearing its completion – we now have some answers. The next step is identifying how to best deliver those requirements, guidelines and recommendations in our codes and standards.

Two options are currently on the table: NFPA can develop an all-new contamination control standard that identifies best practices for cleaning PPE, as well as how gear should be handled after possible exposure to contaminants. Alternatively, the information could be rolled into our existing standard, NFPA 1581, *Standard on Fire Department Infection Control Program*.

To make the decision that best reflects the fire service's needs and preferences, we need to hear from you! Tell us if you think this issue warrants its own standard or should be addressed in NFPA 1581.

It is important that you provide your feedback through our technical process so that your voice is heard.

You can provide your comments by clicking on this link; www.nfpa.org/newprojects.

Providing your comments and thoughts on this issue will ensure that your voice is officially heard and weighed into the Standards Council's final decision.

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5. **Enfield Fire Department Offering 8 Hour HazMat Responder Course - October 28th**

The Haz Mat IQ course will be conducted on Saturday October 28th at the Enfield Fire Department Station # 1 – 200 Phoenix Ave, Enfield, CT. See attached for more information

Contact Lt. Chris Ellis 860-982-4738 or cellis@enfieldfire.org

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6. 32nd Annual Arson Investigator's Seminar to be held November 16 & 17, 2017

The Connecticut Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators (CTIAAI) is pleased to announce the 32nd Annual Arson Investigator's Seminar to be held November 16 & 17, 2017 at the Sheraton Hartford South Hotel in Rocky Hill. Speakers from the FBI, Traveler's Insurance Company, CT DEEP, DEA and the CT OCME will present on the Boston Marathon Bombing, Boat Fire Investigations, Clandestine Drug Lab Fires and Fatal Fires. See the attached flyer for complete details. Registration Deadline is October 27,

2017. For more information visit: ct-iaai.org.

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7. Harford County Fire Emergency Plan 67th Annual Firefighters Memorial

The Harford County Fire Emergency Plan announces that its 67th annual Firefighters Memorial Service to be held Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 5PM at the Glastonbury Community Church, 113 Stancliff Rd. Glastonbury CT. This service will honor all firefighters in the county who passed away October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017. We invite all departments who have lost firefighters in the past year to attend. If you have lost a member during the past year please send this information to our County Chaplin Rev. Chris Skowronek at chrispskowronek@gmail.com

We thank the Glastonbury Fire Department for being this year's host for this event. (A light food and refreshment period will follow the service.)

See the attached Flyer

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