

THE INSTRUCTOR'S DISPATCH

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RECRUIT FIREFIGHTER CLASS # 34 GRADUATION

On December 19th, the Connecticut Fire Academy graduated it's thirty-fourth recruit class. The class consisted of 26 career firefighters representing seven Connecticut fire departments.

The Connecticut Firefighters Pipe and Drum Band, accompanied by the Connecticut State-wide Firefighters Honor Guard ushered the recruits into the nearby New England Air Museum for the ceremony.

Danbury Fire Chief Peter Sicienski delivered the keynote remarks to the class, while New Britain Recruit Firefighter Matthew Burrows acted as the class spokesman.

After the ceremony at the air museum, the recruits and guests proceeded back to the Academy for a reception.

Members of Recruit Class # 34:

Danbury Fire Department: Seth Ambruso, James Crosswell, Richard Gallagher, Raymond Guard, Shawn McGee, Kevin Sullivan

New Britain Fire Department: Christopher Belanger, David Brault, Matthew Burrows, Sean Crawford, John Marvin, Patrick Matthews

University of Connecticut Fire Dept: Christopher Renshaw

West Haven Fire Dept: Adrian Figueroa

Willimantic Fire Dept: Evan DeGaetano, Natalie Lang, Ronald Mott

Greenwich Fire Dept: Matthew Brooks, Kevin Coyner, Michael Mencil, Shawn Morris, Anthony Reynolds, Gregory Sinapi, Michael Stanco

We would like to take this time to thank all of the instructors who were assigned to this program for a job well done!



Picture taken by Bernie Meehan, Jr.
Danbury Fire Chief Peter Sicienski



Picture taken by Bernie Meehan, Jr.
Connecticut Firefighters Pipes and Drums perform Amazing Grace



Picture taken by Bernie Meehan, Jr.
Fire Chaplain Reverend Edward Goetz delivers the Benediction

RECOGNIZING OUR STAFF

Ron Carlson from Hamilton Sundstrand wrote the Director of Training thanking him and members of the staff for three recent "Live Fire Training sessions" held at the Academy.

Specifically noted for their efforts were Jim Carroll and Mark Lewandowski from the full time staff and Al Zygmunt and Ron

Dievert both Adjunct Fire Service Instructors.

Ron wrote "Both instructors displayed a highly professional attitude throughout our three training sessions.

Congratulations and thank you to all involved in this program.

Jeff Morrisette,
State Fire Administrator



Don't think you're putting something over on Mother Nature... She always balances the books... Sooner or later, she will get even.

INTER AGENCY BOARD RESPONSE TO SCBA

Fire Apparatus Magazine recently published a story titled "FEMA Wants All SCBA Replaced."

This article included several misrepresentations of the issue. Robert Ingram, Chief-in-Charge, FDNY HazMat Operations and Chair of the Inter Agency Board (IAB), responded to this article with a letter fo-

cus on several items intended to better inform the first response community. Major points are itemized.

The article states that responses and comments will be published in the next issue; and the IAB looks forward to the publication of Chief Ingram's letter clarifying Mr.

Jorgensen's statements.

For more information visit the website www.iab.gov.



2005 AFGP 12TH ROUND CT GRANT RECIPIENTS

The twelfth round of fire grants provides \$6,436,954 to help local fire departments and emergency medical services programs to purchase or receive training, first responder health and safety programs, equipment and response vehicles.

- Harwinton Volunteer Fire Department**
Operations and Safety—\$52,345.00—
Modify Facilities (\$55,100.00)
11/18/2005
- Mashantucket-Pequot Fire & Emergency Services**
Operations and Safety—\$62,787.00—Personal Protective Equipment (\$69,763.00)
11/18/2005



SOLICITING CONTACT INFORMATION

Recently, the Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security working with the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, Department of Public Safety and FBI, has created a single intelligence center for Connecticut.

The center includes local, state, and FBI agents working together to analyze intelligence data. This group effort is known as the Connecticut Intelligence Center (CTIC).

CTIC currently produces weekly intelligence bulletins for law enforcement officials in the state.

Special bulletins are sent out as the need arises.

At this time, we are looking to expand the CTIC bulletin distribution to include Fire Chiefs along with a few other groups so that unrestricted intelligence information reports can be disseminated to members of the fire service.

We expect this effort to provide a forum for information to flow in and out of the CTIC. It will offer the fire service a means to report suspicious activities witnessed in the normal course of business and to know what to look for.

To meet this end, we are asking every Fire Chief to submit the following information to Lee Toffey so an up-to-date list can be compiled to begin distributing valuable intelligence information.

Lee may be contacted at: lee.toffey@po.state.ct.us

Requested Information:

Name:

Department:

Address:

Phone:

Cell Phone:

Fax:



Don't ever think a fire will react to your intentions—it will only react to the right amount of action (water/support) applied in the correct place at an opportune time.

FIRE SAFETY VIDEO ALERT

Four (4) fire safety visuals produced by Underwriters Laboratories (UL) have received high endorsement and recommendations from the public fire and safety education office and the members of a recent public information officers class.

The videos entitled "The Christmas Tree Fire", "The Residence Hall Fire", "Your Office Fire" and "The Living Room Fire" are reasonably priced and are available in both DVD and Videotape format.

Anyone wishing to preview the material can contact Russ Emons at 860-627-6363 ext. 222.

If you wish, you could e-mail Russ at: russ.emons@po.state.ct.us or visit the Connecticut Fire Academy.

Material can also be previewed by going to UL's web sight at www.ul.com/firevideos or by calling 1-847-664-3441.



GLENBROOK FIRE DEPT. LOOKING FOR DONATED EQUIPMENT

The Glenbrook Fire Department of Stamford, Ct. along with Nick Mercede and family of Stamford are requesting equipment for The Henry Fire Department in Louisiana. The Henry Fire Department lost all of its' equipment as a result of Hurricane Katrina. The Mercede family has donated A 1973 Diamond Reo 1000 gal. pumper that has been refurbished. The pumper is being shipped to Louisiana by

AmeriCares of Stamford. The Glenbrook Fire Department has already provided a rescue tool and saws and has rebuilt the pump. With help from the Stamford Fire and Rescue Department the motor has been serviced.

Equipment needed.

- 3" hose
- 2 1/2" hose
- 1 3/4" hose
- Task Force nozzles
- Adaptors

- Portable Deck Gun
- Survivair 4.5 Air Packs W/bottles
- Training material
- Halligan bars
- Generators
- Any and all fittings

Any and all spare equipment that is serviceable that you would like to donate..

Please contact Firefighter Rob Panapada at: Glenbrookfd@aol.com or call 203-641-3775.

The fire never agreed to the Geneva Convention rules, it simply doesn't have to (and probably won't)...fight fair.

CHIEF JOHN OATES APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON SAFETY

Chief John H. Oates has been appointed Chair of the Technical Committee on Safety at Motorsports Venues.

In a letter written to John from Leona Attenasio Nisbet of the

National Fire Protection Association congratulating him on his appointment. she stated "we certainly appreciate your willingness to serve in this capacity".

The Connecticut Fire Academy wish you well on your appointment as Chair of the Technical Committee on Safety at Motorsports Venues.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR INSTRUCTOR'S

Promotion

Congratulations to Freddie Weeks for her recent promotion to Captain in the UCONN Farmington FD.

Fire Chief Position

Robert Ross, former adjunct has accepted the Fire Chief in the South District FD.

The Staff at the Academy wish them both well in their career.

Just a Reminder...
Adjunct Instructor's Meeting
Jan. 17, 2006
6:30 PM—9:30 PM
Jan. 19, 2006
2:00 PM—5:00 PM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FIRE MARSHAL CREDIT CLARIFICATION

The Connecticut Fire Academy has recently distributed their Annual Training Calendar for 2006.

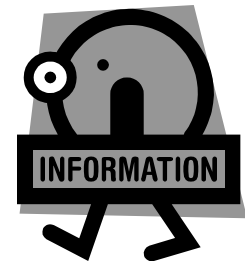
Please be advised that the Office of Education and Data Management has reviewed the announced classes for Fire Marshal credit hours.

Please note that where credit hours are identified for Fire Marshal credit, those credits are intended for the following, unless the course being offered is specific in one of the disciplines such as code, hazmat or fire investigation :

- Fully certified Fire Marshals
- Deputy Fire Marshals
- Fire Inspectors

In that situation, individuals appointed in those disciplines are also eligible for those credit hours. If you have any questions, please contact the Department of Public Safety at 860-685-8330.

“When there is an effective IC/ command team in place and you are their boss, you must practice the gentle art of “watching a building burn down:”



During this time of the year, it is our pleasure to say "Thank You" for your support and to wish you and your families health and happiness this holiday season. We look forward to working with you in the new year! Be safe!

From the
Commissioners and Staff of the
Connecticut Fire Academy

PERSONNEL FILES/RECORDS

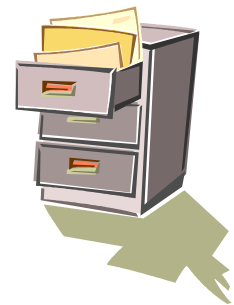
On Tuesday, November 29, 2005 all personnel files/records for current or former full and part-time employees previously stored at the Connecticut Fire Academy were transferred to the Department of Administrative Services, Human Resources, Small Agency Resource Team (DAS/HR/SMART) located at the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue in Hartford.

This action was necessary to implement the business office centralization effort for small and medium size state agencies. Employees may access their personnel files/records during normal business hours. The procedure to access your personnel files/records will be as follows:

- ☑ Submit request to Supervisor.
- ☑ The request will be forwarded to the State Fire Administrator who will arrange with DAS/HR/SMART a convenient date/time/place for the review to take place. Whenever possible, the file will be transported to the Connecticut Fire Academy by a DAS/HR/SMART representative.
- ☑ For full-time employees required to travel to Hartford, time off will be provided, charged as work time. Some contracts limit the number of times an employee may access their personnel file/records during a calendar year.
- ☑ A per copy fee will be assessed employees who wish to make copies of items from their personnel file/records.
- ☑ A DAS/HR/SMART representative will be present during any review as the file/record cannot leave their possession for any reason.

Please contact Jeff Morrissette, State Fire Administrator at 860-627-6363 ext. 230 or e-mail: jeff.morrissette@po.state.ct.us should you have any questions regarding this issue.

Sometimes (the old guy said), “It don’t matter much what you do” (in these cases, live to fight another day).



IRTB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings (IRTB) & Prevention of and Response to Suicide Bombing Incidents (PRsBI) Awareness Level Courses is sponsored by the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency and Delivered by the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Energetic Materials Research and Testing Center, a member of the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium.

DATE: Tuesday, January 10, 2006

TIME: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

LOCATION: Radisson Airport Hotel, 2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI

Course Overview: (IRTB) This is an awareness level course designed to provide basic instruction in WMD, with a focus on explosives and incendiary devices as terrorist weapons.

The course includes classroom presentations that address potential terrorist targets in U.S. communities, common military and commercial explosives (available to ter-

rorists), Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), and response procedures that support safe and effective operations during bomb incidents.

(PRsBI) This awareness level course provides training on the suicide bombing threat. The course includes familiarization with improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and explosive materials typically used in suicide bombings. It also addresses actions that individual emergency responders can take to assist in preventing or deterring suicide bombings, as well as techniques, tactics, and procedures that support an effective and safe response to a suicide bombing.

Prerequisites: Participants must be an active law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical technician, or assigned to other positions at local or state level involved in planning for or implementing emergency responses to bomb incidents.

Target Audience: Law Enforcement Officers, Fire Service Personnel, Bomb Technicians, Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) Specialists, HAZMAT Responders and EMS Personnel.

Certificate:

Students will receive a certificate from the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Energetic Materials Research and Testing Center.

Cost:

All training and course materials are free of charge.

(Registration Form on page 8)

Be careful of any fire that will let you screw with it for three hours...it may be waiting until you're in exactly the right position to zap you (there are no pip-squeak fires).



INCIDENT RESPONSE TO TERRORIST BOMBINGS

&

PREVENTION OF AND RESPONSE TO SUICIDE BOMBING INCIDENTS

REGISTRATION FORM

Tuesday, January 10, 2006

Radisson Airport Hotel, Warwick , RI

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

1. NAME: _____

2. SS# LAST 4 DIGITS: _____

3. TITLE/RANK: _____

4. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: _____

5. STREET ADDRESS: _____

6. CITY/TOWN: _____ ZIP : _____

7. PHONE NUMBER: _____ FAX NUMBER: _____

8. E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF TRAINING

Money! It's why we work. It is necessary to pay for a place to stay, food and clothing. A secretary once told me that the difference between me and her was that I live to work, and she works to live. While there is no problem with either motivation, it is similar to a situation at the Connecticut Fire Academy.

Far too often I encounter remarks about "the Connecticut Fire Academy making money" or suggestions about programs that will generate income for the institution.

While the suggestions are always welcome, it is not our purpose to make money off of our customers.

What we do is charge modest tuition to defray the costs of delivering a program. The largest expense is the cost of labor. This includes prep time, delivery and travel allowances. Human capital is what we have to offer.

I have received complaints from firefighters that the only reason we charge courses is for the state to make money. As instructors well

know, our certification courses must change as the standard that governs the activity changes every five years. It is not done to generate new income from old titles. Unfortunately, many fire service personnel believe we are in the business of making money.

Please help them comprehend that everything we do is done to benefit the Connecticut fire service community. We could joke and say that we are government and therefore do not exist to make money; but instead to spend taxpayers money! But, it is a generally held feeling that we are excellent fiduciaries of the public's money.

Even without increased funding allocations, many initiatives like CPAT and qualitative facepiece fit-testing have been launched to assist our fire departments.

The only actual enterprise we conduct is the CFA Bookstore. Even that revenue is plowed back into labor and acquisitions.

We give away a significant quantity of items to help promote

our programs and services. Trinkets like weekly pocket planners, ice scrappers, cell phone holders, magnetic clips, can openers, pens, pencils and lanyards are used to circulate our contact information.

Give-always during the Chief Fire Officers weekend at the National Fire Academy are generally very spendy. When purchased to supply 200 participants, computer portfolios, mag lights, and shirts all cost multiple thousands of dollars to supply. While the student participant pays for a portion of the gift, we also sell similar items in our store to help defray the total cost of the expenditure.

So please understand that our operations are conducted to primarily benefit the Connecticut Fire Service. Even when revenue is retained, it is kept to expand the number of course offerings, buy down the cost of a headline speaker or increase geographic accessibility. We are here to serve our identified customers, the firefighters of Connecticut, not make money off them.

Adam D. Piskura
Director of Training
CT Fire Academy

**Fire fighting reality:
bad beginnings
produce bad endings
(always try to
eliminate bad starts).**



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