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State of Connecticut
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Commission on Fire Prevention and Control
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1. CSFA 10th Annual Hall of Fame Dinner

The 10th Connecticut State Firefighters Association Hall of Fame Dinner will be held on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at the Aqua Turf Club, Mulberry Street in Southington. Open Bar 6 p.m. with Dinner and Program at 7 p.m. Cost is $40 per person. See the attached flyer for Ticket Purchase and Ad Book information and list of Class of 2018 Inductees. Tickets are also available at the Connecticut Fire Academy in the State Fire Administrators Office.

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2. FEMA Seeks Applicants for Youth Preparedness Council

Please help us spread the word and encourage eligible youth to submit nominations. Last year we had very few nominations from Region I. We'd love to see the number of nominations increased this year. I am
FEMA announced today that it is seeking applicants for the Youth Preparedness Council, which brings together teens from across the country who are interested and engaged in community preparedness. Council members are selected based on their dedication to public service, their efforts in making a difference in their communities, and their potential to expand their impact as national leaders for preparedness. Students in 8th through 11th grade are eligible to apply.

The Youth Preparedness Council, formed in 2012, offers an opportunity for youth leaders to serve on a distinguished national council and participate in the Youth Preparedness Council Summit in Washington, D.C. During their two-year term, the leaders will complete both a local and national-level project and share their ideas regarding youth disaster preparedness with FEMA leadership and national organizations.
Youth interested in applying to the Council must submit a completed application form, provide two letters of recommendation, and academic records. All applications and supporting materials must be received **no later than March 18, 2018, 11:59 p.m. PT** in order to be eligible. New council members will be announced in May 2018.
To access the application materials, read about the current Council members, and for more general information about the Youth Preparedness Council visit www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness-council.

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3. Save the Date – Gordon Graham Event March 15th

The Connecticut Volunteer Workforce Solutions team brings you a full day seminar with Gordon Graham at Central Connecticut State University. Mr. Graham is an expert in risk management and an award-winning speaker on the subject. This seminar will feature some of his most popular topics and will benefit all levels of experience, from Firefighter to Chief. Please see the attached flyer for further details.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ctvws-presents-gordon-graham-tickets-39489567359

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4. Norwalk Fire will be Hosting a Mental Health First Aid for First Responders

MHFA for Public Safety
Hosted by Norwalk Fire Department
121 Connecticut Avenue
Norwalk, CT
Friday March 2nd, 2018
8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Mental Health First Aid for Public Safety
Mental Health First Aid USA is an intensive course that teaches a 5-step action plan encompassing the skills, resources, and knowledge to help an individual in crisis connect with appropriate professional, peer, and self-help care. The course teaches the unique risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems, builds understanding of the importance of early intervention, and, most importantly, teaches individuals how to help the public or your peers in crisis or experiencing a mental health challenge.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM
The course is taught to police, firefighters, first responders, corrections officers, and other public safety audiences around the country. Mental Health First Aid for Public Safety provides first responders with more response options to help them deescalate incidents and better understand mental illnesses so they can respond to mental health related calls

appropriately without compromising safety. Approximately 10,000 public safety professionals have taken the course, including at police academies in Philadelphia, DC, Seattle, and numerous smaller and rural departments.

Total Course Fee: $100
Make checks payable to Dawn M. Roy, LCSW at 540 Tunxis Hill Road Fairfield, CT 06825
Please RSVP to *ladyroy@earthlink.net or 203-331-7458*

Please see attached for more information

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5. Accelerated Emergency Medical Technician Course - East Hartford

Dates/Times: February 19, 2018 to March 22, 2018 - Monday to Thursday - 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Location: Code One East Hartford - 121 Roberts Street East Hartford, CT 06108
Details: Code One's 5 week, 180 hour intensive Emergency Medical Technician program has graduated hundreds of professional responders since the first program began in 2007. Code One graduates work and volunteer throughout the United States and include police officers, military, firefighters, and federal agents. Many Code One graduates have furthered their education in emergency medicine and now work as nurses, physicians, and paramedics. Code One's team of instructors are motivated to provide the best training program available.

Invoicing: Fire/EMS/Police agencies can be invoiced for participants. Please have participants register with the discount code "INVOICE" and then provide invoicing instructions in their registration notes. Invoicing instructions should include the agency name, point of contact, email to send the invoice to, and PO number if it is needed on the invoice. If you have 4+ participants interested in attending, please contact Rich for a group discount (rich@code1web.com).

Register: Participants can register at https://code1web.com/accelerated-emergency-medical-technician

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6. USFA Fire Safety Messaging Webinar

Did you know that more than 30 million adults in the U.S. can't read, write, or do basic math above a third-grade level? Besides the literacy barriers, many cities have a wide range of languages spoken in their communities. How do we effectively deliver fire safety messages to these people?

You are invited to join the sixth webinar in U.S. Fire Administration's (USFA) Fire is Everyone's Fight™ Webinar Series. In this webinar, we will showcase 27 pictographs that have been developed to graphically convey key messages such as testing your smoke alarm each month and practicing your home escape plan.

This webinar will also cover the in-depth qualitative testing done to ensure the messages are understood and effective.

Lastly, you'll get to see each of the groundbreaking picture sequences and hear about plans to complete an additional round of message development and testing as well as the creation of pictograph assets for use at public fire safety events.

Feb. 22, 2018, 2–3 p.m. EDT
Attendance is limited so register for the webinar today!
https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1625708594590709762

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7. Firefighter Near Miss Report of the Week

Indoor Use of Outside Pesticides Produce Toxic Hazards

Summary

While investigating a report of smoke inside an apartment, a crew is exposed to pesticides that were intended for outdoor use.

Event Description

Units responded to a report of smoke conditions inside an apartment on the second floor of a six-story building. The first-due engine officer was preparing to make entry to the apartment and observed a light haze. While he was preparing to don his facemask, he found himself coughing and choking and quickly experienced respiratory distress.

The smoke was from an outside pesticide product—incorrectly used indoors—that was burning in a metal pan on the apartment floor. Its main chemical components are Pyridapen and Isoprocarb, both of which are labeled as inhalation-toxicity hazards.

Crew members began to experience respiratory distress, headaches and tightness in their throats. They were taken to the local ER, where they were evaluated and treated.

The department experienced two similar instances after this event.
View the Report: Indoor Use of Outside Pesticides Produce Toxic Hazards

Take-Aways

It is important to keep your guard up and maintain situational awareness on all incidents. It's easy to become complacent on routine odor- or smoke-investigation calls, but we must resist the inclination to take shortcuts where safety is involved.

Our PPE, including breathing apparatus, is there to provide an increased level of protection when investigating smoke and odor complaints of unknown origin. It's critical that we use them. The time to don our air packs is before we enter a potentially IDLH atmosphere, not after we've been exposed.

Discussion

- How would you respond to a similar incident if you were in charge?
- What are your department's policies for smoke or odor investigations?
- What can you do to minimize the risk to you and your crew?
- If structural PPE doesn't provide a high enough level of protection, what other resources does your agency have at their disposal?
- What equipment at your disposal could help you on these types of incidents?

Leading Practices

Not all hazmat calls are obvious; many begin as seemingly benign investigations. By the time we discover the source of the problem, we may have already been exposed to dangerous or even life-threatening materials. Effects of the exposure could be immediate, or they may manifest themselves decades later as heart or lung problems or forms of cancer.

When there's no obvious immediate threat to life or property, we can step back and use our time to carefully assess a situation rather than rushing into action. Studying near misses and close calls that our brothers and sisters have experienced can better prepare us for those high-risk, low-frequency calls we occasionally come across.

Related Near Miss Reports

- Anhydrous Ammonia Stored in Propane Tanks at Meth Lab
- Freon Leak Mistaken for Smoke
- Hazmat Incident at Chemical Suicide
- Carbon Dioxide Overcomes Victim

Additional Resources

- HazmatNation.com Article: Body Found During Hazmat Investigation
- The Gray Area- Where Rescue Meets Hazmat
- FireRescueMagazine.com Article: Engine Company Equipment for Hazmat Response