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State of Connecticut
Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection
Commission on Fire Prevention and Control
February 1, 2018

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1. 2018 CFA Schedule Change for Calendar Classes

Because of a scheduling error when creating the 2018 Training Calendar we need to alter the dates for both Fire Service Instructor II classes.
Due to the student homework assignments the class should meet every other week. The new dates will be as follows:

Cheshire FD Apr 29, May 13, Jun 3, Jun 17, Jul 1 PCE and Jul 15 WCE
Hartford FD Sept 4, Sept 18, Oct 2, Oct 16, Oct 30 PCE and Nov 13 WCE.

PCE is Practical Certification Exam
WCE is Written Certification Exam

The Connecticut Fire academy apologizes for any inconvenience.

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2. Northwest CT Public Safety - Critical Change for all CMED Users

As part of an ongoing Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) upgrade, Northwest CT Public

Safety is now implementing the following critical change for all CMED users in our coverage area and CMED users that transport to one of our partner hospitals.

Effective immediately, **full address information** and **dispatch response priority** will now be required for all Calls for Service. Full address information can be given in the form of a numeric and street or intersections. Dispatch response priority can be given as Priority 1 (Lights and Sirens, Emergency Response) or Priority 2 (No Lights and Sirens, With Traffic Response).
NWCTPS staff will begin prompting all CMED units for this information immediately. We would appreciate if you would spread the word to your members and staff, so that we may have the smoothest transition possible when we go live with our new CAD in mid-February.

Please see the attached letter for more details. If you have any questions regarding this clarification or the newly required data points, please feel free to contact Sean Cloney via email at scloney@nowestps.org or 203-709-4403. If you need to reach an on-duty CMED dispatcher, please contact them at 203-709-4450.

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3. Wolcott State Fire School Spring 2018 Firefighter I/HazMat

The Wolcott State Fire Training School will be holding a Spring 2018 Firefighter I and Hazardous Materials Operational Certification Training Program beginning March 13, 2018.

Please see the attached flyer for additional course information and registration. For further information, please contact school director, Scott Poulton, at wsfsdirector@aol.com or (860) 637-6442 www.wolcottfireschool.com

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4. Wolcott State Fire School Spring 2018 Firefighter II

The Wolcott State Fire Training School will be holding a Spring 2018 Firefighter II Program beginning April 4, 2018.

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5. EMS Counter Ambush - East Hartford

Dates/Times: Sunday February 18th - 0900 - 1800

Location: Code One East Hartford - 121 Roberts Street - East Hartford, CT 06108

Details: A deep examination of the criminal mind in close ambush attacks, and a further look into what the civilian and professional can do to prepare for it. Participants will learn

about the criminal mind and will gain a greater understanding of effective concealment personality used by both you and your enemy.
Some hands-on demonstrations will be covered, specifically dealing with violent counter-ambush and fighting in confined spaces like the back of an ambulance.

About the Instructor: Varg Freeborn is a violence educator and lethal force firearms and combatives instructor widely known for his unique background in the violent criminal underworld. From prison to police ranges, his experience spans a wider spectrum than most. Varg provides safety and defense education nationally through One Life Defense based in Warren, Ohio.

Register: Participants can register at https://code1web.com/violence-of-mind/

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6. Windsor FD Sponsoring Fire Service Instructor I Class

The Windsor FD is sponsoring a Fire Service Instructor I class to be held at their Station 2 (50 Pine La).
The class will meet on the following days: Apr 7, Apr 14, Apr 21, Apr 28, May 5 and May 12 for the Practical Exam. The written exam will be on May 26.
The cost $420.00 plus text book. For info, email wvfdtraining@comcast.net

To register, send CFA application, copy of FF II and check payable to the Town of Windsor to:
Paul Goldberg
Fire Administrator
Town of Windsor
275 Broad St
Windsor, CT 06095

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7. EMS Instructor Course

CPR Training Professionals is holding an EMS Instructor course beginning March 25, 2018. Each Sunday from 830am to 4:30pm and the class ends on the only Saturday class, May 19, 2018. We are also offering an American Heart Association Instructor course on February 24, 2018 at 9am. See attached flyers and please click the links below for information and to register:

Click for information and to register on EMS Instructor class

Click for information and to register for AHA CPR Instructor

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8. Firefighter Near Miss Report of the Week

Is Fire Pump and Hose Testing Dangerous?

Summary

Most of us test fire hose and apparatus pumps annually, and it's probably looked at as a routine task. What looks routine can be more dangerous than it seems. Stored pressure and flying fittings can quickly make the day a lot less routine.

Event Description

The company was hose testing their assigned hose in a vacant parking area at a school building. The members hadn't been formally trained on hose testing or the use of the hose-testing appliance.

While testing a 2-1/2" line coming from a pump to the appliance, it separated at the pump coupling. The hose, including the inner coupling member, struck the career captain who was supervising and participating in the test.

The captain was struck on the left side and was thrown into the air. The members of his company report he traveled about eight feet in the air before tumbling to a stop; he sustained a loss of consciousness briefly.

The captain was transported to a local hospital; he didn't receive any significant injuries and didn't lose additional time.
View the Report: Hose Coupling Separates During Testing

Take-Aways

When the time for hose and pump testing comes around, some cringe because it can be a monotonous and wet task. The job can also be dangerous without proper precautions.

Hoses can store a lot of energy when pressurized, and when a hose fails, this energy releases violently. Mitigating this is as easy as following the testing recommendations in NFPA 1962 and wearing proper PPE.

Many companies will require members to wear helmets, bunker pants and gloves when doing hose-handling training. This is also a good plan for when hose testing.

Make sure crews stay clear once testing begins. There's no reason to get close to evaluate pressurized lines; any failures will be noticeable from a distance. Stay away from the end and middle portions of hoses under pressure. This is where the most significant hose reaction and projectiles will be.

Discussion

Do you follow an established procedure when hose testing, or is it left to each crew to come up with a plan?
Is PPE required for hose testing in your agency? If so, what is it?
If you are using a pump to change the lines, how does the pump operator limit pressure and keep the pump cool while testing?

Leading Practices

When using an apparatus to charge lines for pump testing, the pump operator must be able to master the operation of the pump. Slowly filling lines, pressurizing hoses and maintaining the pressure in the lines without exceeding test pressures mean it's not a time for pump training or practice. Operating a pump at high pressures with little flow can cause pumps to overheat, possibly damaging internal components.

If you use a hose-testing machine, check the pressure-relief setting before testing to ensure proper settings. They may have changed if someone tested a different type of hose. Marking couplings with a marker before testing will also allow you to monitor if a coupling is starting to displace, possibly before it fails.

Related Near Miss Reports

- Hose Bursts During Pressure Test
- Hose Bursts During Testing
- Following SOG Prevents Hose Testing Injury

Additional Resources

- Waterous Pump Technical Bulletin on Hose Testing (PDF)
- FireApparatusMagazine.com Article: The Impact of NFPA 1962 on Fire Department Hose Testing, Inspection, and Care
- FireApparatusMagazine.com Article: Fire Hose Testing Companies Provide Safe Alternative