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1. NFIRS and Firefighter Exposure Reporting - *Correction*

The Office of Education and Data Management, on behalf of the State Fire Marshal, has received several inquiries as to what fire chiefs and local fire marshals must do to comply with changes to Connecticut General Statute 29-303 Reporting of Fire Emergencies (attached). The statute calls for departments to report the name of each firefighter who was exposed to heat, radiation or known or suspected carcinogen at a fire, explosion or other fire emergency, including the duration of exposure.

The United States Fire Administration (USFA) has verified that completing the NFIRS Fire Service Casualty Module (NFIRS-5) will capture the required information. A separate form must be completed for each firefighter who was at an incident and exposed.

The Severity field on the Fire Service Casualty Module Severity contains a code (1) to report the injury related exposures associated to potentially dangerous products.

	SEVERITY
1	Report only, including exposure
2	First aid only
3	Treated by physician, not a lost-time injury

4 Moderate severity, lost-time injury
5 Severe, lost-time injury
6 Life threatening, lost-time injury
7 Death
U Undetermined (Conversion only)

The Fire Service Casualty module also asks the Date and Time of injury, which can be used in conjunction with the other date time stamps to get a duration of the exposure.

NFIRS Complete Reference Guide, Chapter 7, page 7-4: The Fire Service Casualty Module is used to report all injuries, deaths, or exposures to fire service personnel. This includes casualties that occur in conjunction both with incident responses and with non-incident events such as station duties or training. A health exposure occurs when fire service personnel come in contact with a toxic substance or harmful physical agent through any route of entry into the body (e.g., inhalation, ingestion, skin absorption, direct contact). These exposures can be reported regardless of the presence of clinical signs and symptoms. An exposure fire, which is captured in Section A of the Basic Module, is not the same as a health exposure to personnel. A separate Fire Service Casualty Module is required for each casualty or health exposure. The module includes Severity. Exposures are treated as "report only" (1) in the Severity field.

Information on documenting a fire service occupational health exposures was provided by USFA's National Fire Data Center.

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2. White House Releases Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Proposal, Details Requests for Fire Service Programs

On Monday, the White House released President Trump's Fiscal Year 2019 budget proposal. The $4.4 trillion spending plan includes $46 billion in funding for the Department of Homeland Security. While Congress has yet to complete work on the Fiscal Year 2018 spending package, committees in the House and Senate will begin reviewing the Administration's spending requests for the next fiscal year.

The spending plan requests $688,688,000 for the Assistance to Firefighters and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant programs, split evenly between the two programs. This is the same amount the Administration requested in its Fiscal Year 2018 budget proposal, and a slight reduction from the $690 million Congress appropriated for the programs in Fiscal Year 2017. The budget proposal also requests $43,493,000 for the United States Fire Administration (USFA), with an additional $1,500,000 targeted for infrastructure improvements at USFA's Emmitsburg, MD campus. Congress appropriated $44 million for USFA in Fiscal Year 2017.

The President's plan proposes the same amount for the State Homeland Security Grant Program and the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) as the FY18 budget request: $349.4 million and $448.8 million. If enacted, funding for both programs would be reduced by 25% compared to actual Fiscal Year 2017 funding levels.

The White House is proposing to fund the Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grant program at

$11.02 million and State Fire Assistance (SFA) at $65.93 million. These programs provide assistance to states and local fire departments for wildland fire prevention, detection, and suppression. In Fiscal Year 2017, the programs were funded at $15 million and $78 million respectively.

The release of the White House budget proposal is the first step in the Fiscal Year 2019 budget process. Once Congress completes its work on the Fiscal Year 2018 funding bills, the House and Senate Appropriations Committees will begin drafting Fiscal Year 2019 funding bills for the individual federal agencies. CFSI will continue to provide updates throughout the process.

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3. One-Day Combination Safe Boating/Personal Watercraft Course

This single session, 8-hour course, taught by Professional Marine Education, provides a certificate of completion as partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation, which includes the Safe Boating Certificate. Upon successful completion of the course, the student can mail or deliver the diploma to any state DEEP office, and combined with an application for certificate (provided) and appropriate fee, qualifies the student to obtain the Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation. The $50 certificate is a one-time, lifetime certification.

REGISTRATION: $89
DATE: March 3, 2018 (S)
Time: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Location: Tunxis@Bristol, 430 North Main Street, Bristol CT
To Register Call: 860-314-4700 or 860-773-1450

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4. CFA Bookstore News

The CFA Bookstore will be closed on Saturday, Feb. 17th and Monday, Feb.19th in observance of President's Day. Normal hours will resume on Tues. Feb. 20th.

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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. CFA Public Information Officer – Ellington – February 24 & 25

This two-day course is designed to instruct participants in the basic methods for establishing and maintaining a positive relationship with the news media. Fire department activities, including public fire education programs, manmade and natural disasters, and emergencies, make developing policies and training for dealing with the news media essential. Discussion topics will cover: public disclosure laws; media relations; and news releases. Participants will learn the basics of preparing news releases, setting up press conferences, and the responsibilities of the Public Information Officer (PIO) at the scene of an emergency. Students will participate in mock briefings with reporters from various news sources.

Course # 17538
Cost $165.00
Training Prerequisites: NONE
Required Text: Jones and Bartlett Media Relations for Public Safety Professionals by Leo M. Brown.
Class Hours: 16 FM Credit: 6 Hours
EMS-I Credit: None

http://www.ct.gov/cfpc/cwp/view.asp?Q=599068&A=833

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7. Firefighter Near Miss Report of the Week

Gas Shock Fails Prior to Attacking a Car Fire

Summary

While preparing to attack a vehicle fire, a crew heard an explosion. An exploding gas strut narrowly missed a firefighter, but he received minor injuries when he was hit by flying shrapnel and glass.

Event Description

A crew was dispatched to a reported vehicle fire on a busy road. The driver/operator and the firefighter discussed where to set the safety zone and proceeded to do so.

The driver parked the apparatus in a protective position that closed off the street entirely, allowing them to work safely, free from oncoming traffic. As the firefighter was donning his

PPE and preparing to go on air from his SCBA, there was an explosion from near the back of the vehicle.

Shrapnel flew in his direction, propelled straight toward him. A gas-loaded piston from the car's back hatch exploded, causing a fair amount of glass and metal to fly in multiple directions. The velocity of the explosion and debris made a whizzing noise as it flew by the firefighter.

The piston's point of impact was about four inches from his head, slamming against the fire apparatus and leaving a silver dollar-sized dent. Some of the glass and shrapnel hit the firefighter's integrated protective eye shields, which were in place, averting significant injury to his head; he did incur some small abrasions and cuts, but nothing life-threatening.

View the Report: Gas Shock Fails Prior to Attacking a Car Fire

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8. 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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9. Fish Fry Hosted by Chesterfield Fire Co. #3 - Reminder

Cost: $10 - Fried Cod, French Fries,Cole Slaw, & Chowder.
$6 - Grilled Cheese, French Fries, & Chowder
Also will have a non-fish soup for those who can't eat fish or shell fish.....

Location : Chesterfield Fire Co.#3
1606 Hartford-New London Tnpk
Oakdale, Ct 06370

Phone: (860) 443-0015 Ext 0

See attached