

THE INSTRUCTOR'S DISPATCH



Commission on Fire Prevention and Control
Connecticut Fire Academy



RECRUIT FIREFIGHTER CLASS # 35

On May 17, 2006, the Connecticut Fire Academy graduated its thirty-fifth recruit class. The class consisted of 28 career firefighters representing nine Connecticut fire departments.

The Connecticut Firefighters Pipe and Drum Band, accompanied by the Connecticut State-wide Firefighters Honor Guard ushered the recruits onto the Training Ground at the Connecticut Fire Academy.

Fairfield Fire Chief Richard Felner delivered the keynote remarks to the class, while Recruit Firefighter Jeffrey G. Naples, Hamden F.D. and Theodore J. Mourges, Danbury F.D. acted as the class spokesmen. After the ceremony, a reception was held.

Members of Recruit Class # 35:

Allington F.D.

Joseph C. Risola
Kevin W. Scanlon

Danbury F.D.

Gary Bruce
Adam Hughes
Theodore Mourges
Michael Sedgwick, Jr.

Keith Sellick
John Whitehead

Fairfield F.D.

Jonathon M. Catandella
Brian R. Felner
Derek M. Paules
Jeffrey R. Pinckney

Hamden F.D.

Giovanni Ferrucci
Jeffrey G. Naples
Daniel Such
Burton A. Talmadge
David W. Wood

Manchester F.D.

Bryan J. Goulet
Louis P. Racicot



Recruit Class # 35

Norwich F.D.

Benjamin G. DeMond
Marc D. Landry

Stamford F.D.

Scott R. Avalos
Alessio Corrente
Daniel J. Isidro

James J. Romaniello

Stratford F.D.

Wesley M. Jacobs

UConn F.D.

Patrick M. Selburg
Alexander Wilson, III

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

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2006 Connecticut Fire Officer's Weekend at the National Fire Academy

The Connecticut Fire Academy Fire Officer's Weekend was held at the National Fire Academy on the grounds of the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg Maryland May 5, through May 7, 2006. There were 160 students that had applied for one of the six National Fire Academy classes. Due to heightened security at federal facilities check-in required a complete search of all baggage and vehicles entering the Training Center. Students then proceeded to registration where check-in was completed with photo ID's taken of all applicants.

The first function of the weekend was the memorial service to honor Connecticut Firefighters who have died in the line-of-duty since 1981 when the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial was dedicated. The memorial service consisted of reading the individual names of each of the firefighters while a rose was placed at the memorial in memory of each. Special thanks goes out to bag piper Hal Grout from East Hartford Fire Department and The Connecticut Statewide Honor Guard for presenting the colors.

The memorial service was followed immediately by the orientation held in the auditorium of "J" Building. Key points of the orientation were a moment of silence in memory of the passing of Connecticut Fire Academy Adjunct Instructor and former Chief Instructor Daniel Keogh; and the reading of a letter from Governor Rell thanking the Connecticut firefighters for their dedication to the fire service and taking the time to update their training. A high percentage of the participants were first time stu-

dents to the NFA. We hope that all those and more will return for weekends in the future. A social hour with light fare and refreshments provided by the Connecticut Fire Department Instructors Association was held in the pub/recreation hall providing a great chance for participants to network with each other and other students at the NFA.

Saturday was down to business time with all classes beginning at 8 a.m. NFA adjunct instructors performed an impressive job of delivering classes in Emergency Response to Terrorism Tactical Considerations: Company Officer, Incident Safety Officer, Introduction to Unified Command for Multi-Agency and Catastrophic Incidents, Marketing Fire Prevention in your Community, NIMS Incident Command System for the Fire Service, and Strategy and Tactics for Initial Company Operations.

Deputy Superintendent of the National Fire Academy Kirby Kiefer visited all the classes to welcome students and to determine if there were any student needs that could be addressed. NFA instructors remarked that they were impressed with the knowledge base of the students from Connecticut.

Throughout the weekend there was plenty of food from the food service topped off with an outdoor barbecue under brisk conditions on Saturday evening at the Log Cabin adjacent to the main campus. Sunday classes began on a quiet morning and were completed in the early afternoon for all to board the bus or pilot their own vehicles for the trip back to

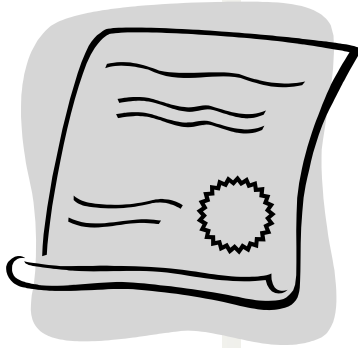


Connecticut, all with just a little more knowledge to better serve the residents of Connecticut when emergencies occur.

Special thanks to Jo Lynn Van Wart for her service as bus Captain for the trip this year. Save the weekend of March 31 to April 1, 2007 as we are looking forward to the next Connecticut Fire Officer's Weekend.

Commission to Award National Certification to all Firefighters

The Commission on Fire Prevention and Control is pleased to announce that as of September 1, 2006, all candidates who achieve State Certification will also automatically be awarded National Certification for those levels that the Commission is accredited for by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications and the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress.



Prior to September 1, 2006, certified Connecticut fire service personnel who wished to pursue National Certification are required to apply on their own to one or both national certifying bodies at a cost of up to \$30 per level, per candidate.

Bulk submittals of data for candidates eligible for National Certification will result in an overall savings to the candidates. As a result of this initiative, the cost of a written certification examination will be raised from \$7.50 to \$15.00.

The Commission strongly believes that National Certification provides a well deserved national and international level of recognition for members of the Connecticut fire service who have demonstrated proficiency in meeting NFPA professional qualifications standards.

Those standards are the foundation for improved fire service professionalism, the term "Professional" representing a high degree of training and experience and applies to the volunteer as well as the career service.

2006 Marks 25th Anniversary of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend

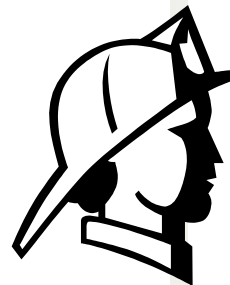
Emmitsburg, MD -

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) and the Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Fire Administration announce that the 25th annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend will be held October 7-8, 2006.

A plaque with the names of 98 firefighters who died in the line-of-duty death in 2005 will be added to the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial, located on the National Fire Academy campus. The names of six firefighters who died in previous

years will also be added. The plaques surrounding the Memorial, which was established in 1981, will contain the names of more than 3,000 firefighters.

Thirty-three states experienced line-of-duty deaths in 2005. Deaths resulted from various causes, including: motor vehicle accidents while en route to or returning from emergency calls, training incidents, building collapses, being struck by objects



(vehicles, trees) at the incident scene, falls, heart attacks, air tanker and helicopter crashes, electrocution, drowning, assault, and burns.

For more information on the Memorial Weekend, contact the Foundation or visit

www.firehero.org.

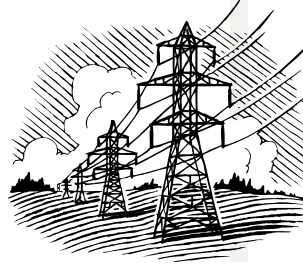
Energy Conservation

Governor M. Jodi Rell has challenged state agency heads to set an example of conservation and savings by cutting energy consumption in state buildings by 10 percent in 2006, and by implementing various steps to encourage a 'culture of energy efficiency' in state government.

The Commission on Fire Prevention and Control has a jump start on meeting efficiency standards as we have been working over the past several years on a number of energy conservation initiatives including:

- ☑ Replace Exit signs with LED technology
- ☑ HVAC System Automation (Administration Building)
- ☑ Extensive Cooling System Annual Preventative Maintenance Program

- ☑ Lighting ballast replacement from magnetic to electronic technology
- ☑ Motion sensor for soda vending machine
- ☑ Motion sensor for lighting in select areas
- ☑ Pump House controller modifications
- ☑ Timer switches on some lighting circuits



Some short term gains will be realized this winter by draining the Training Tower heating system and lowering temperature settings at the Meriden CPAT center. We are also planning to add motion sensors to more facility lighting circuits.

All agency staff and students are asked to pitch in by shutting off lighting fixtures and electronic equipment when not needed.

If you have any suggestions for energy savings please share your thoughts with our facilities engineering staff Chris Johnston or Mark Ruggiero. Your efforts are appreciated!

Jeffrey Morrissette

State Fire Administrator

"No firefighter ever died in a fire that was prevented."

-Frank Brannagin

IS703 NIMS Resource Management - Now Online

This interactive computer-based course provides the principles, tools, processes, and systems used in the National Incident Management System (NIMS) that incident managers need for timely and effective resource management during an incident.

Primary tasks addressed in this course are establishing systems for describing, inventorying, requesting, and tracking resources; activating these systems prior to and during an incident; dispatching resources prior to and during an incident; and deactivating or recalling resources during or after incidents.

To take the course online go to <http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/is703.asp>.

Course length approximately 3 to 4 hours Audience: Government, private-sector, and nongovernmental organization individuals and teams who are charged with working together in a network to manage resources during domestic incidents.

Recognizing Members of our Staff

Letter from David Niklaus

David Niklaus, Administrator – Maine Fire Training & Education wrote thanking Fred Piechota for the assistance he provided to that Agency’s Curriculum and Certification Subcommittee. His assistance will aid that organization in upgrading their Certification programs in preparation for accreditation.

Thanks Fred for your efforts; we benefit as much as those we aid!

Letter from Karen Naples

A letter was received from Karen Naples and family who wrote thanking Eric Munsell for his efforts with the Recruit Firefighter Family Day Orientation. She wrote “We left feeling a sense of pride in our son as well as the other recruits.”..... “We truly applaud all of you for your dedicated service and instruction to these new firefighters.”

It is important to note that both Ian Tenney and Brenda Murphy-Tenney played a role in bringing this new initiative to fruition. Thank you all for your efforts. It was very evident all family members who attended were most grateful and impressed.

Letter from Thomas Flaherty

Thomas Flaherty, Executive Director of the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POST) wrote recognizing and thanking Eric Munsell and Father Ed Goetz for their assistance in providing training and equipment to prepare that Agency in conducting fit testing. He stated “Without these two gentlemen’s efforts,



our program would have been postponed.” “They have professionally and personally demonstrated that cooperation of agencies make all the difference in emergency services and training.” Great job in building and maintaining a renewed cooperative spirit between our agencies!

E-mail from Marquam Johnson

Marquam Johnson wrote expressing his satisfaction with the recent delivery of the RIT program in Riverton. He wrote “I want you to know that Chip (Chapman) and his cadre of instructors, likely due to their true passion for not only the fire service but specifically RIT skills, have done the CFA a great service. This presentation was truly a cutting-edge, high quality program.

The instructors showed their expertise, their dedication, and their over-riding concern for firefighter safety throughout the 16 hours of training”.

Congratulations to Chip and to all involved in this program delivery. This training is truly a life-saver!

Letter from Chief Denis McCarthy

A letter was received from Chief Denis McCarthy, Norwalk F.D. recognizing Russ “Chip” Chapman and “his team” for the “extraordinary learning experience you provided the Norwalk F.D.

The Firefighter Safety and Survival Class as well as the RIT program will serve us well.” Funding for this program was made available through the receipt of a FIRE Act Grant.

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“Basic fire frequency axiom: the farther you are from the last fire, the closer you are to the next one.”

By Alan V. Brunacini

Recognizing Members of our Staff (cont'd)

Letter from Chief Roger Sylvestre

Chief Roger Sylvestre of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation Department of Fire & Emergency Services wrote thanking the Statewide Honor Guard for their assistance and participation in the funeral services for Retired Chief Dan Keogh who served as a Captain in that department.

He wrote “ The professionalism and maturity that these individuals bring to ceremonies such as this provide a respectable and honorable way to recognize the passing of an individual who has devoted so much time and effort to the betterment of the fire service.”

Thanks is extended to Jim McLoughlin and his dedicated group of volunteers for their time and service.

Letter from Peg Karbovanec, Head Guidance Counselor Bunnell High School

A letter was received from Peg Karbovanec, Head Guidance Counselor for Bunnell High School in Stratford thanking Jackie Kilby-Richards for participating in their First Annual Career Connections Fair. She wrote “The students found your message to be both interesting and informative.” “From initial feedback, many students signed up to receive additional information from your.”

Thank you Jackie for working with our future generation of emergency service personnel.

Congratulations to all for consistently exceeding the customers expectations with this program.

Jeffrey Morrissette

State Fire Administrator

CFA Instructor Robert Andrew Retired from the Branford Fire Department

Robert Andrew retired effective January 27, 2006, he originally joined the Guilford Volunteer Fire Department in June of 1963. Bob served for over 30- years in the Fire Service, including a term as Chief of Department. He joined the Branford Volunteer Fire Department in 1995. Hired by the Branford Fire Department in 1997 as Assistant Chief/Training Officer.

Bob has been an Adjunct Instructor for the CFA since 1996. Teaching the Fire Officer, Incident Safety Officer, Fire Service Instructor, Pump Operator and NIMS/ICS programs. He is Looking forward to improving his golf game and staying involved with the fire service through training.

The Staff at the Academy wishes him a great retirement!



Robert Andrew

Photo Courtesy of Mark Salafia

CTVOAD Symposium

The Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) and the Connecticut Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (CTVOAD) are co-sponsoring a symposium on Saturday June 24th, 0800 to 1500 at the Connecticut Fire Academy for members and organizations who have special skills and/or services available during disasters.

The one day symposium is open to members of volunteer organizations that have services to offer during emergencies such as: Ct Canine Search and Rescue; Regional Dive Teams; and organized religious groups.

The program will introduce members of the **CTVOAD**, **FEMA Region I VOAD**, Emergency Management Assistance Compact along with presen-



tations on Legal Issues, Training and Credentialing of members.

To register go to: ct.gov/demhs/site/default.asp and check out the training calendar.

A Sad Notice— The Death of Adjunct Instructor Daniel T. Keogh

Sunday, April 30, 2006, Connecticut Fire Academy Adjunct Instructor, Daniel T. Keogh passed away unexpectedly.

Dan was most recently employed by the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation Fire Department. Prior to that, Dan was the Fire Chief of Poquonnock Bridge Fire Department.

As fire instructor at the Connecticut Fire Academy, Dan was instrumental in creating the first Firefighter Driver Safety program for the State of Connecticut of which he was the chief Instructor. He taught firefighter courses throughout the state of Connecticut.

To list the accomplishments and achievements of this great man would fill this entire page.

He will be greatly missed.

Calling hours were held on Thursday May 4 at Dinoto Funeral Home in Mystic CT.

Funeral Service was held on Friday, May 5 at St. Mary's Top of Fort Hill with burial at Elm Grove Cemetery. The Connecticut Fire Academy Staff expressing our sincere sympathy to the Keogh Family, both immediate and extended.

(Additional article on page 7)



Daniel T. Keogh

"Don't ever trust smoke—it can hide what's really going on, spread the fire, burn, blow up, go the wrong direction, and really ruin (even end) your life, sometimes all at once."

By Alan V. Brunacini

People Come Into Your Life For A Reason

People come into your life for a reason, a season or a lifetime. When you know which one it is, you will know what to do for that person. When someone is in your life for a REASON, it is usually to meet a need you have expressed. They have come to assist you through a difficulty, to provide you with guidance and support, to aid you physically, emotionally or spiritually. They may seem like a godsend and they are. They are there for the reason you need them to be. Then, without any wrongdoing on your part or at an inconvenient time, this person will say or do something to bring the relationship to an end. Sometimes they die. Sometimes they walk away. Sometimes they act up and force you to take a stand. What we must realize is that our need has been met, our desire fulfilled, their work is done. The prayer you sent up has been answered and now it is time to move on.



Some people come into your life for a SEASON, because your turn has come to share, grow or learn. They bring you an experience of peace or make you laugh. They may teach you something you have never done. They usually give you an unbelievable amount of joy. Believe it, it is real. But only for a season!



LIFETIME relationships teach you lifetime lessons, things you must build upon in order to have a solid emotional foundation. Your job is to accept the lesson, love the person and put what you have learned to use in all other relationships and areas of your life. It is said that love is blind but friendship is clairvoyant.



Thank you Dan for being a part of our lives, whether you were a reason, a season or a lifetime.

(Pictures and article courtesy of Roger Sylvestre)

Office of the Director of Training

Folks:

A friend of ours needs your support. Most of you are aware that R. David Paulison, United States Fire Administrator was nominated by President Bush for FEMA Chief. While most of us (fire service folks) agree, it is a great and likely choice, others are not so receptive. Many within the FEMA organization say that he does not have the necessary credentials to lead FEMA. In fact they point to his lack of experience in leading a disaster management organization.

There are in fact, a couple of congressional representatives and our own State Senator, Joe Lieberman who propose to dismantle FEMA instead of taking corrective action. If you value having a fire service person leading the country's preeminent preparedness, response, mitigation and recovery organization, then I suggest you say so. Write to your congressional representatives and senators and let your opinions be known. For Paulison's bio and story go to: http://www.govexec.com/story_pagecfm?articleid=33778&dcn=e_tma.

We are rapidly approaching another safety stand down, June 21, 2006. Recent extreme weather might contribute to slippery surfaces.

We ask that everyone examine their operating environment to remove or minimize hazards. If an instructor deems conditions too severe for scheduled activities then an alternative class must be implemented and the respective program manager notified of the change (s). It has been said before; no student should ever leave our classes in diminished capacity.

The fire station washer extractor is now operational. Please revisit your PPE policies for information about annual and periodic washing requirements based upon CFR 29 1910.1030 & 156 and NFPA 1500, 1851. We have also purchased a new smoke generator and received additional instrumentation. The Duty Officers will soon have predetermined rounds with a portable, digital recording device to ensure that doors are secured and verify that equipment is in place. This will enhance building and student security as well as establish accountability for portable equipment.

The Connecticut Fire Academy Bookstore has acquired a new publisher, Informed that predominately publishes field guides. Their most recent guides are for Homeland Security and NIMS. Response for the job aids has been incredible.

Recently Jim Carroll provided a Hybrid Car demonstration at the request of WSFB Channel 3.

It was broadcast Thursday May 11 for their ratings sweep week and may be repeated. It is always great to receive good publicity and be regarded as a credible information source.

Please help support our 2006 Seminar Series by talking them up during course deliveries. This years experiment with this format has been a success. We would like to continue the arrangement next year with different talent and subjects. Only through strong patronage can we offer such caliber of out-of-state speakers and topics. Several fire chiefs have indicated their appreciation of the series as their department's personnel turnover has resulted in a response force that is not as experienced as previous generations.

Thank you for continuing to be available for the rapidly expanding number of deliveries we are offering. As you can observe, NIMS is propelling a significant portion of these deliveries followed by Haz Mat Technician courses and RIT. Speaking of RIT, Russ Chapmen and the RIT instructor cadre have distinguished themselves several times by the volume of written and verbal accolades they are receiving.

Congratulations,

Adam D Piskura

Adam D. Piskura, Director
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