# Sate of Connecticut Regional Foam Trailer Program

A cooperative program between the host

communities, Department of

Environmental Protection and the Commission on

**Fire Prevention and Control** 

There is no charge for calling or using the foam trailer units.

Cost recovery for the foam used will be handled through the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection.

For additional information on the foam trailers or to arrange local training, contact:

Office of the State Fire Administrator 34 Perimeter Road Windsor Locks, CT 06096 (877) 5CT-FIRE (in-state toll-free) (860) 627-6363 Ext. 230 The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection will dispatch the two nearest foam trailers to your incident. Please do not contact the host fire departments directly. Actual responses may vary depending on circumstances at the host departments and location of the incident.

# **Typical responses:**

## **Litchfield County**

Waterbury and Hartford Waterbury and Fairfield

#### **Fairfield County**

Fairfield and Waterbury Fairfield and New Haven

#### **New Haven County**

New Haven and Waterbury New Haven and Fairfield

## **Tolland County**

Hartford and Norwich

## **Windham County**

Hartford and Norwich

### **Middlesex County**

New Haven and Norwich New Haven and Hartford

#### **Hartford County**

Hartford and Waterbury Hartford and Norwich

#### **New London County**

Norwich and New Haven Norwich and Hartford

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Oil and Chemical Spill Response Division
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# **Host Fire Departments**

Hartford, Norwich, New Haven, Fairfield, Waterbury

# **Capabilities**

500 Gallons of National Foam "Universal ® Gold" 1% / 3% Haz-Mat foam

Elkhart 500 GPM fixed\portable monitor

Two (2) 400' 1 3/4" pre-connect lines

One (1) 300' 2 1/2" pre-connect line

Electric transfer pump allows the supply of operating foam pumpers or refilling the trailer.

Easy operation, just connect to a water source-use fresh or salt water.

# **Dispatch Information**

To request the foam trailers for any large incident beyond the foam capabilities of the local fire department contact:

Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection's - 24 hour dispatch number: 860-424-3338

The 2 nearest trailers will be dispatched to respond to your

# Why do you need foam?

Foam is needed for any fire or spill involving flammable or combustible liquids.

Water will not float on hydrocarbon products such as gasoline or diesel fuel. Using water on burning gasoline will cause the fuel to splatter, spreading the fire. Water used on a fire in a contained area will sink to the bottom and may cause the container to overflow.

Foam also reduces the toxic and flammable vapors given off by fuels such as gasoline.

## Universal ® Gold 1% / 3% AR-AFFF

The foam trailers use National Foam Universal ® Gold Class B foam. Most Class B foams must be applied in concentrations of 3% or 6%. Universal Gold can be used in 1% to 3% solutions. This results in less foam being used as compared to regular foams.



#### **Class B Foams**

The foam provided in the trailer is Class B foam for use on flammable and combustible liquids.

Class B Foams are usually applied in 3% or 6% solutions. The old rule has been 3% for hydrocarbon fuels, 6% for alcohol fuels. In Connecticut, most of the gasoline used is at least 10% alcohol. This type of blended fuel calls for foam application of 6%.

A 100 GPM hand line using 3% fluoroprotein foam is adequate to cover a spill of approximately 1000 square feet. A 100 GPM line applying 6% AFFF on a polar solvent spill will cover approximately 500 square feet. NFPA 11 recommends foam application for at least 15 minutes after fire knockdown in order to maintain a vapor seal to prevent re-ignition. This will require between 45 and 90 gallons of foam. Larger spills or fires will require substantially more foam.

A typical structural engine may carry three 5 gallon pails of foam. This is enough for a 5 minute application at 3% and 2 minutes at 6%. Hardly adequate for a large flammable liquid spill or fire.

Two foam trailers will bring 1,000 gallons of foam to your scene.