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1. Extra Wreaths Across America Wreaths – Available to Honor Heroes, The Fallen & Public Safety

Extra Wreaths Across America wreaths are available to honor the heroes, the fallen, and the members of your public safety community.

Today, two *Wreaths Across America* trailer trucks delivered 10,000 wreaths to be deployed at the Veteran's Cemetery in Middletown this Saturday.

As luck would have it, 10,500 wreaths were delivered. 500 wreaths are available for reassignment to public safety organizations. The wreaths come 9 to a box ***and you need to reserve your order by the number of boxes you require.*** First come, first served.

The point of contact for this effort is Bob Holdsworth 860-920-2001 or bob@holdsworth.com.

The wreaths need to be picked up this Saturday at 0800-0830 (and no later) at a staging area

in Middletown. The pick-up address will be given to you when you reserve your wreaths.

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2. Middlesex County Fire School Offers Firefighter I Course

The Middlesex County Fire School is presenting a Firefighter I course to be held at the Westfield Fire Dept. in Middletown, CT. This training class will meet the NFPA 1001 Standard for Firefighter Professional Qualifications for Firefighter I and will run on Thursday nights and weekends.

IFSTA Essentials of Firefighting and Fire Department Operations 6th edition textbook and IFSTA Hazardous Materials for First Responders 4th edition will be used for this program. Students are required to provide this manual as it is NOT included in the tuition. Students must provide their own full protective clothing and SCBA with spare cylinder for classes.

ALL STUDENTS MUST BE 18 YEARS OLD PRIOR TO FIRST DATE OF CLASS
Location: Westfield Fire Dept., 653 East Street, Middletown, CT
Cost: $1050
Hours: weeknights 1900hrs-completion, weekends start 0830hrs-completion
Start Date: Thursday February 22, 2018

Send applications or inquiries to:
Jay Woron
Director, Middlesex County Fire School
58 Bystrek Drive
Middletown, CT 06457
860-635-5914

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3. National Fire Academy Second Semester Resident Classes Application Period Closes December 15

The application period for the FY2018 Second Semester of National Fire Academy resident classes closes **December 15**. The second semester includes those classes scheduled from April 1 – September 30, 2018 held on the National Fire Academy campus in Emmitsburg, Maryland.
Information about courses, schedules, and applications can be found at:
http://www.usfa.fema.gov/training/nfa/courses/on_campus_6_10.html

Mail completed and signed applications to:
NETC Admissions Office
16825 South Seton Avenue
Emmitsburg, MD 21727-8998
Fax to (301) 447-1441 or email to netcadmissions@fema.dhs.gov

This is a great deal in so many ways!

- We pay your travel, instructor and student material costs; you pay for your meals.
- You meet and network with peers from all over the United States.

- You meet and learn from top notch instructors in the field.

Please share this with your organizations, friends and colleagues.
Don't delay! Send in your application today!

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4. Congressional Fire Services Institute's 2018 Christmas Ornament Design Contest

The Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) announces that it is seeking designs for a 2018 national fire service Christmas ornament. We are extremely excited about conducting this contest and developing an ornament that will capture the Holiday spirit and traditions of our nation's fire and emergency services. The winning design will be selected by a panel of judges and the design will be unveiled at the 30th Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner. The winner will receive one free ticket to the Symposium and Dinner and one free night at the Washington Hilton. For the official rules of this contest and to submit your design, please visit: https://www.cfsi.org/support/christmas-ornament-design-contest/

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5. Register for the 30th Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Symposium and Dinner

Register for the 30th Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Symposium and Dinner, hosted by the Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) on April 18-19, 2018 in Washington, DC. Attended by approximately 1,500 fire and emergency services leaders from across the country, the event is the largest and most prestigious gathering of fire service officials, featuring important seminars and opportunities for interaction with federal policy makers. https://www.cfsi.org/2018-dinner/order-30th-annual-dinner-tickets/

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6. TRFD to Host Tanker Shuttle Class

Turn of River Fire Department in Stamford, CT, located at 268 turn of River Rd, will be holding a full, free, Tanker Shuttle certification class, free of charge, off a DEEP grant, on June 9th and 10th, 2018 (Saturday and Sunday) starting promptly at 0800 hrs. Anyone with Pump Operator is eligible to test for the state's Tanker Operator certification.

Enrollment begins today, and will end Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 1730hrs. There is no limit to the number of students, we just request each department attending bring their Tanker with them and provide the number of students attending. There is no charge to all attendees.

Please contact Training Captain Jason Bernstein at 203-914-3799 or jbernstein@trfd.com

Should anyone have any questions, they can be forwarded to the above phone number and/or email address.

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7. Firefighter Near Miss Report of the Week

Enveloped by Fire Creates a Mayday

Summary

UL has proven that we must be aware of how fire travels as we make entry. With fuel loads in newer residences that promote a quicker change in fire behavior, door control and protecting means of egress is paramount for a successful interior attack. In this report, a rapid-fire progression caused firefighters to become disoriented, separated from one another and trapped on the 2nd floor.

Event Description

Crews were dispatched for a residential structure fire in an area that's known to have mostly residential row homes. On arrival, crews discovered heavy fire on the Charlie side of two properties in a row of four houses. The initial crew of three (a captain and two firefighters) entered the main fire building from the Alpha side. No fire or smoke was noted on Division 1.

As crews made it to Division 2, they encountered fire in the rear two rooms. As the crew attempted to extinguish the fire, they noted high heat conditions coming from behind them. They had fire coming up the stairs behind them and they were surrounded by fire.

In an attempt to extinguish fire and exit the building, the crew became separated from each other. There was confusion on who was still in the structure and who wasn't. Both firefighters exited the building, but the captain continued searching for them until he was overcome by the heat and had to bail out of the structure.

To exit the building, the captain had to come through a wall of fire and sustained burns. It was later determined during the investigation that the front door was left open and the rear window failed due to fire impingement causing a flow path towards the Alpha side of the structure and up the stairs.

View the Report: Firefighters surrounded by fire creates a mayday situation

Take-Aways

The job of a firefighter is inherently dangerous, but those dangers should be approached with a risk-base model. When interior crews are actively engaged in fire suppression operations and conditions change, crews may become separated because of rapid fire progression.

When we find ourselves trapped, lost or even separated from our crew, that's when we need to call a mayday. There's a lot more to calling a fireground mayday than just picking up the radio and calling for help. It requires knowing when to call, what information to include in the call and what to do after making the call.

Many factors may cause the delay in calling a mayday, but two need to be addressed immediately:

- The stigma associated with admitting to yourself and letting others know you need help.
- Not been given a clear understanding for calling a mayday and the information

associated with it.

Discussion

- Review this case; at what point would you call a mayday in this situation?
- What information do we give after calling a mayday? What's the most imperative information to transmit for your department? How easily can this information be understood if low air alarms are sounding and firefighters are operating in their SCBA?
- Is there an operating guideline on calling a mayday in your department? Do you remain on the existing channel or are certain firefighters expected to change channels during a mayday event?
- Have each crew member conduct a fictional mayday report; discuss the expectations for a downed firefighter and the rest of the crew around them.

Leading Practices

Calling a mayday is one of the most important skills for a firefighter to master early in their career. That said, many firefighters are unsure of how to correctly call a mayday. Younger, more inexperienced firefighters may be issued a radio, but when are they expected to use one on the fireground? With the importance of radio discipline, would a younger firefighter in your department be hesitant to use the radio when they should?

Realistically, firefighters may only have to call a mayday once in their careers. We only get better through practice and repetition. That's why it's imperative to drill on calling a mayday, so your crewmembers know exactly how to best ensure their survival. No firefighter should call for their first mayday at a real incident.

Knowing when to call a mayday is also a factor. Firefighters are hesitant to call it because they feel their training and experience will get them out of trouble. They also may not want to call a mayday because of embarrassment from getting in a bad situation in the first place. Consistent drilling and documentation review on mayday calls can help overcome both of these stigmas.

Drills will also ensure firefighters follow a standardized format. Develop and conduct a mayday drill on regularly scheduled intervals among all the shifts with documentation.

Related Near Miss Reports

- Attic Fire Causes Mayday
- Firefighter Rescued from Floor Collapse
- Separated Crew Member Caught in Flashover

Additional Resources

- IAFC FSTAR – Project Mayday Webinar
- FirefighterCloseCalls.com – Firefighter Mayday: Reality vs Myth?
- FireRescueMagazine.com Article – Essential Steps for Command Officers During a Mayday

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8. CFA Recruit Orientation – New Dates Added

CONNECTICUT FIRE ACADEMY WINTER RECRUIT ORIENTATION 2018

Fairfield Regional Fire School – Thursday; January 4th
205Richard White Way, Fairfield

The Connecticut Fire Academy Recruit Firefighter program is a 14 week resident course that focuses on developing the knowledge, skills and abilities needed for the newly hired career firefighter or for the volunteer firefighter to perform entry-level tasks under direct supervision. The Academy is offering two orientation sessions to anyone interested in learning about the Recruit Program and its comprehensive classroom instruction and training in firefighting techniques and equipment use. The orientation offers insights into what to expect, and how to prepare for this intensive training opportunity.

- **Thursday: January 04, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Course Number 18162**
- **Thursday: January 04, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Course Number 18163**

Registration Required: Use the Standard CFA Application – Write "No Fee" .. see attached Flyer and Application

Applicants need only attend one delivery or the other, they are offered twice to increase availability