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State of Connecticut
Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection
Commission on Fire Prevention and Control
December 18, 2017

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1. Fire/EMS Caucus Meeting Reminder - Tomorrow

The first meeting of the Fire EMS Caucus of Legislators is scheduled for tomorrow, Tuesday Dec. 19th, 2017 at 9:30 am at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1E. We ask any member of the Fire Service who has time to attend this meeting in Class A uniform. Let' show our legislators that we support their efforts to help us!

This meeting is open to the public, come show your support for Connecticut's Firefighters!
Sent from Leon Collins, Legislative Representative

The Connecticut State Firefighters Association
collins@csfa.org email
http://csfa.org website

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2. Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance FREE Holiday Party and Open House CANCELLED!

When: ~~Friday, December 22, 2017 from 4pm to 8pm~~ CANCELLED
Where: 206 Prospect Street, Wethersfield CT 06109

Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance Association has cancelled this event due to unforeseen circumstances.

Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance Association, Inc. (WVAA) is a non-profit, all volunteer based organization that provides for the medical needs to those who live, work or travel through the town of Wethersfield, Connecticut. Established in 1956, WVAA continues with its mission to care for the medical needs, including medical training for the town of Wethersfield.

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3. EMR Initial Course

EMR Initial Training
Location: Somers Fire Department
Dates: Jan 25; Feb 1, 15, 22, 25; Mar 1, 8, 11, 15, 22, 25, 29
Thursdays 6pm-10pm Sundays 8am-5pm
Instructor: William Meier III
Cost: $550 per person includes texts
Sponsored by Somers Fire Department and Johnson Memorial Hospital

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4. House to Consider AFG-SAFER-USFA Reauthorization Bill

Today, the House of Representatives is scheduled to consider the United States Fire Administration, AFG, and SAFER Program Reauthorization Act (H.R. 4661). Please call 202-225-3121 and ask your Representatives to support H.R. 4661.

The bill is expected to pass under suspension of the rules of the House, which usually is reserved for non-controversial legislation.

The bill would:

- Authorize $76.49 million in funding for the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) through Fiscal Year (FY) 2023.
- Authorize approximately $750 million each for the Assistance for Firefighters Grant (AFG; also known as the "FIRE grant") program and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant programs through FY 2023.
- Move the "sunset date" for the AFG and SAFER grant programs to September 30, 2024.
- Clarify that SAFER grant funds can be used to change the status of part-time firefighters to full-time positions.
- Develop online training programs, through USFA, to help fire departments better manage AFG and SAFER grants.
- Develop a framework and take measures at the Federal Emergency Management Agency to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse of AFG and SAFER grant programs.

Again, please call 202-225-3121 and ask your Representatives to support H.R. 4661.

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5. VCOS Report from the Chair

Symposium in the West

Now is the time to join fellow volunteer and combination leaders for dynamic leadership and education at Symposium in the West. Share challenges faced by many volunteer and combination departments and discuss potential solutions.

This year's topics include:

Recruitment and Retention
Leading the Team
Motivating Self-Growth

Register today and join us in Phoenix May 3–5. https://www.iafc.org/events/vcos-west-conf

Help Solve Administrative Woes

The IAFC, through a SAFER grant, is working to develop web-based and instructor-led training that deals with the business side of your fire department. Will you help us with this project?

We need your guidance related to the topics we're considering and how to approach them. If you could spare 10 minutes to take our survey, it would give us valuable insight into how best to build these courses.

VCOS Webinars

Have you missed any of the VCOS webinars this year? All of them have been recorded and you can watch them at any time.

Do you have a topic you'd like to present on a VCOS webinar or know of a good speaker who'd be interested? Please email VCOS webinar coordinator Chief Scott Lambert.

VCOS Chair's Award

The 2017 VCOS Chair's Award was given to the IAFC staff, and Executive Director/CEO Mark Light accepted it on their behalf during the Symposium in the Sun in November. The IAFC staff is very grateful and honored to have received the award.

VCOS Educational Opportunities

As you begin to plan for 2018, don't forget about the wide range of VCOS educational courses and opportunities available to you. From webinars and conferences to 1- and 2-day courses, VCOS has great information to share with volunteer and combination departments. Some of these have very limited costs to host departments (and the webinars are complimentary—no charge to you). Visit VCOS.org/Education for more information.

Follow Us on Social Media!

We hope you'll like us on Facebook if you haven't already. In addition, follow us on Twitter @IAFC_VCOS. Use social media to stay connected, network with others and see all the latest VCOS news.

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6. Fire Officer 1 Course

Avon Volunteer Fire Department and Simsbury Volunteer Fire Company Hosting Fire Officer 1
Saturdays and Sundays in January and February
$350, does not include required text

Checks can be made out to Avon Volunteer Fire Department
Interested individuals should email Assistant Chief Joe Speich, joespeich@avonvfd.org

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7. NLFF Burn Foundation 25 To Survive Seminar

25 to Survive: Reducing Residential Injury and LODD

www.25tosurvive.eventbrite.com

More firefighters are seriously injured and killed while operating at residential building fires than at any other building type we encounter. This presentation addresses 25 critical firefighting issues common to the residential dwelling, many repeatedly noted in “near miss reports” and National Institute Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Line of Duty Death (LODD) reports. These grim realizations require all personnel need to know sound strategies and tactics and how to execute them in order to fight these fires successfully. The program is broken into 4 key segments: Combat Ready, Developing the Mastery, Engine Company Operations and Truck Company Operations.

Captain Doug Mitchell, FDNY

DC Dan Shaw, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue

All Proceeds benefit the New London Firefighters Burn Foundation

Registration begins at 8 am, on February 10, 2018 - Conference starts at 0830, Breakfast and lunch included.
Any question please contact Michael Leonard - mlen59@icloud.com or 860-625-0808
Location 1225 Ocean Ave, New London, CT-Ocean Beach Park

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