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Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection
Commission on Fire Prevention and Control
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1. Fire Department Winter Storm Preparations and Response

There are many dangers and challenges associated with winter weather responses. Heavy snowfall can make straightforward calls into complicated, hours-long events.

LEADING PRACTICES

Good preparation at every level is critical for safe and effective operations in snowy conditions. Individual firefighters must have sufficient food, water and multiple sets of clothing and gloves. Stay hydrated and change out of wet clothes as soon as possible. Remember after a storm that bright sunlight on snowbanks can cause snow blindness and sunburn.

At the station level, designate a time before winter to make sure you have available and have inspected vehicle chains, snow melt and multiple kinds of shovels and ice breakers. Move this equipment from outside storage into the station for easy access.

Since fire apparatus may be out of quarters for quite some time during a storm, develop a winter load plan for them: carry shovels, snow melt, snacks and water, and a repair kit, especially for plow-equipped and tire-chained vehicles. Perform preventive maintenance on gasoline powered equipment including saws, generators, extrication power units, snow blowers and plows to catch problems before a storm. Discuss strategies for helping vehicles get unstuck and make sure you have the proper equipment, such as tow straps, chains and hitches. Have a refueling plan in place for apparatus out of quarters on long duration events.

At the department level, a winter action plan is essential to good operations. Among the many elements to consider are making sure your stations have access to backup power and a backup communications plan.

Radio traffic during storms can be heavy, so plan for multiple response channels. Provide stations with cots, as firefighters from different shifts may come in before a storm starts or others may not be able to leave.

Operationally, unit and command officers must understand that snowy roads and low visibility during blizzards will affect reflex times and slow operational times. All personnel must be vigilant in checking for dangers, particularly roadway hazards and sagging or downed power lines. Snow load and high winds will negatively affect structural stability and possibly prevent personnel from operating safely on roofs. Low temperatures can freeze the water in charged hoselines; use techniques to make sure this doesn't happen, such as leaving the hoselines cracked slightly open. Pump operators must follow departmental winter SOPs to make sure water does not freeze in any of the pipe or valves. When operating on roof tops be cautious of footing and buried skylights. A failure to plan is a plan to fail. Take time and be safe!

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2. External Major Winter Storm Update from DESPP / DEMHS From Noon Today

STATUS OF THE STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER - MONITORING MAJOR WINTER STORM EXPECTED TO IMPACT OUR AREA ON THURSDAY…

Towns are encouraged to review their Local Emergency Operations Plans. The NWS has issued Winter Storm Warnings for central and eastern CT. Winter storm watches and advisories have been issued for Fairfield and Litchfield counties respectively. The following forecast is based on a blend of the GFS and NAM models:

Thursday Morning: Light snow is forecast to begin around 2:00 AM at the southeast CT coast and spread to the northwest into the Hartford area by 5:00 AM. The snow is forecast to become moderate around 7:00 AM with increasing north winds gusting to 50 MPH at times by noon. A moderate impact on the morning rush hour is expected with a 1 – 2 inch snow cover on most roads and rapidly deteriorating conditions by the end of the rush hour.

Thursday Afternoon: Very heavy snow at times with snowfall rates between 1" – 3" per hour. Strong winds gusting to 50 - 60 MPH at times will cause blowing and drifting of the snow and also reduce visibility to near zero at times. The strong winds may also cause some power outages. A major impact is possible for the afternoon rush hour with 3 – 4 inches of

snow on most roads and moderate snow falling.

Thursday Evening and Overnight: The snow is forecast to end from west to east between 7:00 – 10:00 PM with considerable blowing and drifting of snow continuing overnight. Bitterly cold conditions are expected with lows between 0 F and 10 above and winds gusting to 30 - 40 MPH at times causing wind chills to drop to -20 F at times.

Friday and Saturday: Bitterly cold and windy with highs around 10 F and overnight lows between 0 and -10 F. Wind chills are forecast to range from around -10 F during the days down to -20 to -30 F at night.

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security will continue to closely monitor this storm. The next update will be sent out this afternoon at 6:00 PM.

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3. ICS 300, ICS 400, Command and General Staff

Where: Old Mystic Fire Department St. 1 - 21 North Stonington Rd - Mystic, CT 06355
When: February 12th 2018 – February 16th 2018 - 0800 - 1630
Topics: ICS 300, ICS 400, command and General Staff certificate.

Description:

This course presents training to a designated team of fire, EMS, Department of Public Works, Public Health and/or law enforcement personnel from a larger and generally more populated area, typically with a single jurisdiction (city, county or region). They would be activated to manage an incident requiring a significant number of local and mutual aid resources. The course is intended to be delivered as "team training" to an entire Local IMT. The aspects associated with training as a team are critical for effective coordination and decision-making under high stress, dynamic situations such as those during emergency incidents. It is understood, however, that there are occasions where all team members may not be able to train together, and occasions when new/additional team members need to receive training.

*This course is also equal to 3 upper level college credits

All inquiries can be sent to:
Captain Keith Richards at krichards@omfd.org
OMFD HQ: (860-536-3432)
Please REGISTER THROUGH CTTrain
https://www.train.org/connecticut/welcome
https://www.train.org/connecticut/course/1074398/live_event

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4. Cold Water Rescue – Montville – January 20 & 21

Seats still available

This course is designed for first responders operating at the scene of a cold water or ice rescue. Topics covered include: pre-planning, risk assessment, ice types and how they form, hypothermia, cold water drowning, incident size-up, water rescue equipment, and rescue operations. Participants will perform simulated water and ice (if available) rescues using cold water entry suits and associated equipment.
Training Prerequisites: None

Course # 17507
Class Hours: 16
Course Fee: $90.00

Calendar and application on line at: http://www.ct.gov/cfpc/cwp/view.asp?Q=599068&A=833

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5. CT Fire Academy Recruit Firefighter Orientation – Tomorrow - Cancelled

Orientation classes offered at the Fairfield Regional Fire School on January 4, 2018 from 2-4 p.m. and another from 6-8 p.m. have been cancelled

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6. Fire Officer III Class to be held in Ellington

Ellington Fire Department will be hosting a Fire Officer III Class on the following Saturdays: 2/3, 2/17, 3/3, 3/17, 3/31, 4/7
Practical Exam 4/14
Written Exam 4/28

Cost of the class is $410. If interested, please fill out the CFA application which can be found here:
http://www.ct.gov/cfpc/lib/cfpc/CFA_2018_fillable_Application_1_2_18.pdf

Applications and questions should be directed to: D/C Karl Neubecker at ksneubec@gmail.com / (860) 268-4093.

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7. CFSI Accepting Applications for the Excellence in Fire Service-Based EMS Awards

CFSI and Masimo Seeking to Recognize Innovations in Emergency Medical Services

The Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) is accepting applications for the CFSI/Masimo Excellence in Fire Service-Based EMS Awards. The presentation of the 2018 awards will take place April 19, 2018, at the 30th Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner in Washington, DC.

Established in 2010, the Excellence in Fire Service-Based EMS Awards honor fire departments for innovations and improvements in the delivery of prehospital emergency medical care. The actions taken by these departments should have a

positive impact on firefighter and paramedic safety, resource deployment, and/or enhanced fire service-based EMS services. The awards recognize departments in two separate categories: career and volunteer & combination.

"We are looking for departments that are forward-thinking in their approach to EMS – departments that are developing and instituting change to adapt to the growing demand for prehospital emergency medical care," said CFSI Executive Director Bill Webb. "Masimo shares this vision as a manufacturer of innovative EMS equipment, which is why CFSI is proud to have them as a co-sponsor of this awards program."

The deadline for submitting an application is February 2, 2018. Additional information about the program is located at www.cfsi.org. A representative of each of the recipient departments will receive a trip to Washington, DC for the award presentations.

Sponsored by the Congressional Fire Services Institute, the 30th Annual National Fire and Emergency Service Dinner culminates a two-day program attended by 1,500 fire and emergency leaders from across the nation. The 2018 National Fire and Emergency Services Symposium includes many opportunities for attendees to engage in important discussions with members of Congress, federal agency officials and their peers.

Visit www.cfsi.org to learn more about the 2018 National Fire and Emergency Services Symposium and Dinner Program and why you should attend this event.

https://www.cfsi.org/awards/cfsimasimo-excellence-in-fire-service-based-ems-awards-program/

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8. USFA Releases Updated Report on Vacant Home Fires

This report looks at the characteristics of fires in vacant homes from 2013 to 2015

Each year, an estimated 23,800 vacant residential building fires were reported to U.S. fire departments and caused 75 deaths, 200 injuries and $785 million in property loss. A major concern when a vacant building catches on fire is that little is known about the building's overall condition. Many buildings are in disrepair and can be missing certain structures, such as staircases or portions of floors. If people use the vacant building as a home or shelter, **the unknown condition of the building and the unknown number of people in the building can put firefighters' lives in danger** when they enter to attempt a rescue during a fire. To learn more about vacant home fires from our free report, "Vacant Residential Building Fires (2013-2015)" visit: https://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/statistics/v18i9.pdf

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9. CPAT Applications

CPAT applications will be available on the CT Fire Academy website after Monday January

8, 2018. Applications must be completed and faxed or mailed to the CT Fire Academy 34 Perimeter Rd Windsor Locks CT 06096 or Fax number 860-654-1889. If you have any questions you can email Jackie Kilby Richards at this email address Jacklyn.Kilby-Richards@ct.gov.

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10. Firefighter I

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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11. New London County Fire Chiefs Association January Meeting Notice - Tonight

The New London County Fire Chiefs Association January meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 hosted by Bulldog Fire Apparatus. The meeting will be held at Comfort Suites 275 Otrobando Avenue in Norwich, CT.