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State of Connecticut
Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection
Commission on Fire Prevention and Control
January 8, 2018

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1. CT State Firefighters Irregulars Association – January Dinner Meeting

The January Dinner Meeting of the Connecticut State Firefighters Irregulars Association will be held on Wednesday, January 17th, at the Avon Fire Department, 25 Darling Drive, Avon. Social Time will begin at 6:00 PM, Dinner will be at 6:45 PM.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend - Members, Prospective Members and Visitors! RSVPs are mandatory. Please RSVP, ASAP, to Secretary Charlie Coakley at 203-948-0731 or coakfour@snet.net.

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2. Employment Opportunity – Deputy Fire Marshal (P/T) – Town of Westbrook

This is a part time (varied hours as needed) hourly position that under the supervision of Fire

Marshal and the State Fire Marshal's office, enforces the CT State Fire Prevention Code State Fire Safety Code, including the annual inspection of all occupancies regulated by the Fire Safety Code within the Town of Westbrook for the purpose of assuring code compliance and the elimination of fire hazards. Responsible for identifying and correcting unsafe conditions of Town of Westbrook owned and/or operated building's and publicly occupied buildings. Investigates fire and hazardous material incidents. The deputy fire marshal will meet all statutory and regulatory requirements of a fire marshal under Connecticut law.

Qualifications:

- Current State of Connecticut Fire Marshal Certification with 2 to 5 years of active fire department experience. Ability to complete 90 hours of continuing education within a 3 year period to maintain Certification.
- Thorough knowledge of CT Fire Safety Code and CT Fire Prevention Code and related general statutes, local ordinances, regulations and policies.
- Demonstrated knowledge of the principles and practices of current fire technology, including fire suppression, fire hazards, hazardous substances and fire administration.
- Demonstrate knowledge of residential and commercial building construction.

Please send cover letter and resume (marked confidential) to:

John Planas
Fire Marshal
Town of Westbrook
1163 Boston Post Road
Westbrook, CT 06498

Deadline for submission: Friday, January 19, 2018

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3. BBP/ABP Train the Trainer

Safety Priority will present OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens Train the Trainer and TB/Airborne Pathogens Train the Trainer on Saturday March 3, 2018 at Seymour Ambulance. For info or to register call 1-800-809-0059 or see attached flier.

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4. 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Application Webinar

The 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) application period is now OPEN, and will remain open until 5:00 PM EST on Friday, February 2, 2018.

FEMA has one additional AFG training WEBINAR scheduled, it will be held:

WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 10, 2018 – 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM = AFG WEBINAR

To join the webinar https://fema.connectsolutions.com/r12017afg/

Call In: 1-800-320-4330; PIN: 174852#

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5. Ellington FD hosting Fire Officer III Class

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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6. Middlesex County Fire School 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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7. Responding to Acts of Violence Seminar - Fairfield

The Fairfield Regional Fire School is offering a full day "Responding to Acts of Violence" Seminar presented by Steven C. Hamilton on Saturday, February 3rd, 2018 for $75 per person (includes lunch). This course is valuable to all emergency service personnel including fire, EMS and Law Enforcement. For a full course description and background information on the presenter please see the attached flyer. To register follow this link:
https://goo.gl/forms/QjRqHbazB0ClQzAv2

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8. Firefighter Near Miss Report of the Week

Expanding Fire Traps Firefighters Upstairs

Summary

While searching for fire extension on the second floor, an attack crew is trapped when a missed fire in a mattress blocks their egress.

Event Description

Assigned to fire attack, a crew of three personnel entered a residential home with light fire showing on the ground floor. After extinguishing all visible fire on the first floor, they ascended the stairs to check for fire extension on the upper level.

The crew noticed high heat on the second floor but no fire. While they were using the thermal imager to determine the source of the heat, the IC called the crew to return to the ground floor. The fire had flared up and was spreading to other areas of the lower level.

The fire was at the base of the stairs, and all efforts to extinguish it were ineffective. As the fire continued to spread up the stairs, the crew made their way to a secondary egress from a second-floor window. They exited down a ladder to the yard.
View the Report: Egress Blocked by Overlooked Fire

Take-Aways

While the crew searched the initial fire floor for extension, they later determined that not all rooms were searched. They found that a smoldering mattress directly under the stairs was missed, and while the crew checked upstairs, it flared up and blocked egress.

Lessons shared by this crew are to do a thorough search for fire extension before advancing to the next floor. Using a thermal imager can help detect hidden fires that would otherwise go unnoticed. Always establish a secondary means of egress when working above grade.

Finally, be ready to exit the structure if conditions change. Good communication and situational awareness between the incident commander and attack crew prevented firefighters from injury.

Discussion

- Just a reminder that even a “light fire showing” house fire can find you looking for a way out. Take a moment to discuss your protocol for transmitting a mayday radio call.
- Some departments use “Urgent” to clear the channel for vital safety information. Discuss your protocol for requesting assistance when you don’t believe a full RIT activation is necessary.
- Working over the fire floor can be hazardous. Do you have recommendations for newer crew members when advancing above the fire area? What are the things you always look for and tools you always need?
- How often do you practice a ladder bailout?
- For the incident commander, what would your crews expect from you when they call for a mayday?

Leading Practices

The crew that experienced this near miss submitted the report because there was a significant lesson to share from the incident. It reminds us to follow the protocol before advancing to the next level or it can become hazardous. We never expect the current fire is going to be our last fire.

The best plan is always to have a backup plan. In this case, the crew knew they had a ladder exit from an upper window. Though they tried to fight their way back down the stairs, the fire extended to the stairwell and sealed off egress. The report didn't say why they couldn't reclaim the stairway; possibly the angle for water application wasn't available from the upper floor.

When you consider that the first pass through the fire area didn't reveal the fire, it seems possible the fire was oxygen-limited before the crew began opening up the rooms and extinguishing the fire. With doors closed, we can't see it flare back up, and opening the doors lets it breathe.

In this case, it seems like the IC had someone assigned to keep an eye on the fire area while the attack crew investigated above.

Related Near Miss Reports

- Christmas Fire Floor Collapse
- Captain Barely Escapes Flashover
- Flashover Inhibits Attack of Single Family Dwelling
- Crew Advances into Pre-Flashover Situation

Additional Resources

- FSTAR: Project Mayday
- WNEM News: Firefighter trapped by part of a burning gas station
- Firerescue1 Magazine Article: Rescuing Trapped Firefighters
- FireRescueMagazine.com Article: Mayday 101

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9. CFCA and IAFC 2018 Training and Physicals Reimbursement Informational Meetings

The Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association Volunteer Workforce Solutions Program is proud to announce the start of its 2018 Training and Physicals Reimbursement program. Two orientation sessions will be held on Wednesday, January 24th. See the attached for registration details.

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10. Spring 2018 CPAT Registration Now Open

Registration for the Connecticut Fire Academy's Spring Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) will open today, January 8, 2018. To apply, please use the attached application.

We are currently updating our online system and will be using this application method until modifications are complete. If you have any questions please email: Jacklyn.Kilby-Richards@ct.gov .

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11. Fire/EMS Caucus Meeting – Tomorrow Morning

A reminder to everyone from the CSFA that the **next meeting of the Fire EMS Caucus is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at the Legislative Office Building in Room 1E at 10AM.**

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