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State of Connecticut
Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection
Commission on Fire Prevention and Control
January 24, 2018

1. CFCA and IAFC 2018 Training and Physicals Reimbursement Informational Meeting - Tonight
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1. CFCA and IAFC 2018 Training and Physicals Reimbursement Informational Meeting - Tonight

The final informational program for the CT Fire Chiefs Association's Volunteer Workforce Solutions 2018 Training and Physicals Reimbursement program will be held this evening at the Columbia FD, Wednesday, January 24th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Come learn how your department can apply for funding to support entry-level training and physicals to support your volunteer recruitment efforts. See attached for more information.

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2. Employment Opportunity – Sturbridge MA – Firefighter/Paramedic

The Town of Sturbridge Fire Department is accepting applications for the position of full-time fire-fighter/paramedic. The position(s) are being partially funded from the Assistance to Firefighters SAFER Grant.
Minimum requirements include high school diploma or GED, non-smoker, valid MA driver's license, and certification as a National Registry EMT. The ideal candidate for the position is

progressive in the fire, rescue and EMS field and is a MFA graduate; Firefighter I/II certified; Paramedic certification and possess other advanced qualifications and degrees. Candidates should be customer service oriented.

The starting salary range is $19.16 to $22.77 per hour, DOQ. Full time members work a 24 hour shift, 48 hours per work week. Other benefits include paid vacation, sick time, uniform allowance, training reimbursement, and medical/dental insurance, as described within the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Candidates will be subjected to several interview panels, a medical examination, a Physical Ability Test, and a rigorous background investigation as part of the hiring process. Successful candidates who are not already certified as a Paramedic will be required to obtain Paramedic certification as a condition of employment. They also must reside within 15 miles of the Town of Sturbridge within one (1) year of appointment.

The employment application may be found on the Fire Department link of the Town website (www.town.sturbridge.ma.us). Submit cover letter, resume, copies of all diplomas / certifications / licenses, and mail the completed Town application to: Fire Chief, Town of Sturbridge Fire Department, and 346 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566. Applications will be accepted until vacancies are filled. Incomplete applications will not be considered. The Town of Sturbridge is an equal opportunity employer (AA/EOE).

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3. Fire Officer 1 Class

Please note class is in danger of canceling! Don't wait - Sign up now
West Thompson Fire Department hosting Fire Officer 1 Class - fee $580 and includes State testing the class consists of 96 hours plus 10 hours for certification. The course fee does **NOT** include the textbook. The required Textbook is Jones & Bartlett Fire Officer 3rd Edition. Class size not to exceed 24 students.

Please register on or before 2/1/2018. To register or for more information please contact Deputy Chief Mat Whipple at 860-315-2379 or mwhipple.wtvfd@gmail.com.

Please see attached for more information.

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4. Fish Fry hosted by Chesterfield Fire Co. #3

Every Friday from February 16th to March 30th, From 4:30pm - 7:30pm

Cost: $10 - Fried Cod, French Fries,Cole Slaw, & Chowder.
$6 - Grilled Cheese, French Fries, & Chowder
Also will have a non-fish soup for those who can't eat fish or shell fish.....

Location : Chesterfield Fire Co.#3
1606 Hartford-New London Tnpk
Oakdale, Ct 06370

Phone: (860) 443-0015 Ext 0

See attached

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5. Fire Officer 1 – Niantic – Starting February 10, 2017

Fire Officer I is a comprehensive course designed to strengthen the new or aspiring fire officer's supervisory and leadership skills. Emergency and routine duties of the company officer will be discussed. Oriented to the level of Lieutenant, topics covered in this course include: human resource management, community and government relations, public education, safety, inspection and investigation and emergency service delivery. Students will spend limited time in a fire command simulator during the emergency service delivery section of the course.

Training Prerequisite: Certified Fire Service Instructor I. NIMS 700, ICS 100, ICS 200.
Required Text: Jones and Bartlett: Fire Officer, Principles and Practices, 3rd Edition.

Certification Examination Prerequisites: Certified Fire Service Instructor I. Proof must be submitted with the application.

Certification testing time: requires additional dates for the practical exam and the written exam.

Class Hours: 96
Fire Marshal Credit: 33
Course Fee: $440.00
Course #17513

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6. Chesterfield Fire Co. #3 to Host Benefit Dinner on February 11th

Hosting a benefit dinner for a member of The Chesterfield Fire Company and our community who has suffered a Stroke.

Pasta Dinner
Date: February 11th, 2018
Time: 5:00p - 8:00p
Location: Chesterfield Fire Co.#3
1606 Hartford- New London Tnpk.
Oakdale, Ct. 06370

Donation:
Adults $10.00
Students & Seniors $7.00
Children 5 and under FREE

Tickets At The Door..

See attached flyer

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7. Firefighter Near Miss Report of the Week

Opposing Hose Lines Hamper Crews

Summary

This week, we're going to get back to basics and take a good look at what seems to be a simple problem to overcome, opposing hose lines. In this report, two fire crews are working hard to achieve the same goal, but actually put one another at risk because of communication issues and lack of coordinated attack.

Event Description

During an active, offensive fire attack, a two-person crew was rapidly advancing an attack hose line into the Alpha side of a fire building with the intent to locate, confine and extinguish an advancing interior fire. As they were doing what they're trained to do, a second team of two firefighters advanced a hose line to the Charlie side of the building and witnessed a large volume of fire and smoke coming from within the structure. The second team notified Command of the conditions.

A decision was made to inform the first crew that the Charlie side was going to flow water in an attempt to knock down the fire they encountered. Multiple attempts were made to contact the initial attack team with no success. The Charlie side crew started to flow water, without confirming the initial attack crew was in a protected place, creating intense heat and steam conversion that ultimately drove the initial attack team back outside.
View the Report: Opposing Hose Lines Hamper Crews

Take-Aways

There's never a shortage of work on any fire incident. A unique problem for an incident commander is having people who want to work and will work hard if given a chance. What this problem underscores is the need for a well-communicated and coordinated attack.

The second crew in this report should have confirmed with the IC that the initial team was either out of the building or at least in a protected position before they flowed their hose line. Further, the IC should have ensured that all stakeholders were aware of the plan before executing a tactic of this nature.

A good lesson to take away from this report is to have both your primary and secondary attack lines operating from the same geographical location. If needed, an adequately positioned exposure line may be posted to the side opposite the fire attack and only deployed if the initial attack lines can't advance on the fire or if the building's layout inhibits the attack. Always try to avoid having opposing hose lines.

Discussion

- What is your department's policy on initial attack hose lines versus secondary or back-up hose lines?
- What is the purpose of a secondary or tertiary hose line on the fireground?
- As an IC, what can you do to better keep command and control of all fireground operations?
- What size is your initial-attack hose line and what action levels direct you to choose that hose line?

Leading Practices

Fire-attack operations, regardless of the situation, occur fast. The muscle memory of firefighters and the evidence of their ongoing training is nothing short of amazing to watch play out in real time.

However, this efficiency and fluidity of operations can sometimes put firefighters at risk. Not because they're dangerously carrying out assignments, but because they're overly aggressive to rapidly put out the fire and stop a loss to the community we serve.

The best way to avert this from happening is to train. Train with your crew, personnel and apparatus that you respond to incidents of this nature with.

A lack of communication is one of the leading causes of firefighters' injuries. Command and control, with deliberate goals and objectives derived from the IC's strategy, will help bring discipline to the dynamic fire scene.

Related Near Miss Reports

Multiple Point Attack Creates Hazardous Condition
Opposing Fire Streams Cause Attack Crew Retreat
Opposing Streams Result in Injury

Additional Resources

FireEngineering.com Article: National Fire Fighter Near-Miss Reporting System: Opposing Hoselines
FireRescueMagazine.com Article: Freelancers Create Danger on the Fireground
USFA TR-078: Three Firefighters Die in Pittsburgh House Fire (PDF)

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8. 2017 Fire Prevention & Safety Grant Application Period Opens February 12

The FY 2017 FP&S grant application period will open on Monday, February 12, 2018 at 8 AM ET and will close on Friday, March 16, 2018 at 5 PM ET.
Please make sure to thoroughly review the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) prior to beginning your application, as it contains the latest updates to the FY 2017 FP&S Grant Program. Begin preparing your application now by using the following application assistance tools:

- FY 2017 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) – This document contains key programmatic updates and application requirements for all eligible applicants.
- FY 2017 FP&S Application Checklist – This checklist will help you prepare to answer questions within the grant application. Collecting this information will reduce the time and energy needed to complete your application.
- FY 2017 FP&S Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) – This document contains answers to frequently asked questions about the FP&S Grant Program.
- FY 2017 Research & Development (R&D) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) – This document contains answers to frequently asked questions specifically about the Research and Development Activity within the FP&S Grant Program.
- FY 2017 FP&S Self Evaluation Sheet – This Self Evaluation Sheet will help you understand the criteria that you must address in your Narrative Statement when applying for FP&S grants.
- FY 2017 FP&S Cost Share Calculator – This calculator will help you understand and determine your organization's cost share for FP&S grants.

FP&S Grants Help Desk: If you have questions about the NOFO or technical assistance tools listed, call or e-mail the FP&S Grants Help Desk. The toll-free number is 1-866-274-0960; the e-mail address for questions is firegrants@fema.dhs.gov.