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1. CFA Bookstore News

The CFA Bookstore is going on the road. We will be at the New England Fire Chiefs Show, Foxwoods Casino from Thursday, June 21, until Saturday, June 23rd. Stop by our booth # 908 and 909
In the ballroom lobby. The Exhibitor booths are open on Friday and Saturday. The CFA Bookstore will be there from Thursday thru Saturday. The bookstore will reopen next week.

Hope to see you at the Show!!!!!

http://www.newenglandfirechiefs.org/?page_id=10

Thanks, Pam and Karen
CFA Bookstore

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2. Valley Fire Chiefs Regional Training School FF-II Fall Application Period Now Open!

The Valley Fire Chiefs Regional Training School has posted their Firefighter II fall schedule. To view the schedule and apply online, go to www.valleyfireschoolct.org

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3. Retirement Celebration – D/C Robert Sullivan – Old Mystic F.D.

The Old Mystic F.D. is holding a retirement celebration for Deputy Chief Robert Sullivan in honor of his 25 years of service as Deputy Chief. The event will be held on Friday, July 6, 2018 at the Mystic Hilton. See the attached for additional information. For tickets call (860) 536-2220 during business hours or email: Janet Joiner at jjoiner@omfd.org or Adam Pereira at apereira@omfd.org.

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4. Connecticut State Firefighters Irregulars Association - Save the Date

The next scheduled Dinner Meeting of the CSFA Irregulars will be held on Wednesday, July 18th at the Beacon Hose Co., in Beacon Falls. Further Information will be forthcoming. Hope to see you there. Non-Members are always welcome.

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5. Windsor F.D. Hosting DEEP Safe Boating/Personal Watercraft Class

Windsor Fire Department is hosting an eight hour D.E.E.P. Safe Boating/Personal Watercraft class Monday July 9 and Thursday July 12 6PM-10PM. Class is being held at the Windsor Town Hall Town Council Chambers 275 Broad St Windsor. Cost is free. To register email wvfdtraining@comcast.net

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6. Emergency Medical Technician Courses - New Haven

Dates/Times: July 9th - October 5th
Daytime class meets Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 am - 1 pm
Evening class meets Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 6 pm - 10 pm
Location: Code One New Haven - 270 Amity Road, Suite 129 Woodbridge, CT 06525
Details: Code One's 180 hour Emergency Medical Technician program has graduated hundreds of professional responders since the first program began in 2007.
Invoicing: Fire/EMS/Police agencies can be invoiced for participants. If you have 4+ participants interested in attending, please contact Rich for a group discount (rich@code1web.com).
Register: Participants can register at https://code1web.com/emergency-medical-technician-course

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7. Firefighter Near Miss Report of the Week – Special Edition: Safety Stand Down 2018

Special Edition: Safety Stand Down 2018

Today's ROTW is the second of three that targets firefighters'

risks of heart disease, cancer, diabetes, PTSD and more, and the life-saving importance of early detection through comprehensive, annual medical evaluations/physicals. Safety Stand Down website

Crew Enters IDLH Atmosphere Without SCBA

Summary

Complacency and apathy can be our number one enemy when it comes to exposure and exposure potential. This report highlights the importance of why it is vital to always don your SCBA and full PPE ensemble on investigative calls regarding smoke or odors.

Review Near Miss Exposure PowerPoint with this Report of the Week as a tabletop exercise with your crew.

Event Description

A neighboring department in our metropolitan area responded to an inside smoke investigation at a single-family dwelling. Upon arrival, the first-due response proceeded to investigate the source of the smoke. The first crew entered the building without SCBA. The officer was overcome by the toxic exposure from the smoke and ordered everyone out and gave the order to exit the building and don their SCBAs.

The crew reentered the dwelling and found a smoldering mattress in a bedroom. The interior crew extinguished the mattress and put the fire under control and out, with the loss stopped. The building was surveyed with a carbon monoxide meter and readings as high as 1800 PPM were found.

The officer was later treated and transported for the exposure.
View the Report: Crew Enters IDLH Atmosphere Without SCBA

Take-Aways

This report highlights a continual problem in the fire service, failure to wear SCBA. As a rule, firefighters need to realize that anytime there is a threat of smoke or odors in the environment we're investigating, we're at risk.

In this report, carbon monoxide is the least concerning threat as it pertains to ionized smoke. The abundance of known and unknown carcinogens and other toxic chemicals is justification for wearing an SCBA on every smoke or odor we respond to. Reducing exposure to toxic chemicals is a tactical benchmark that can be accomplished on every call.

Discussion

- Does your department have a mandatory SCBA policy for IDLH environments, including overhaul and arson investigations? If so, what is your compliance rate?
- Does your department employ NFPA 1582 as baseline for medical evaluations and

annual physicals? Discuss how your physicals meet or differ from NFPA 1582 requirements.
- Does your department have a cancer-awareness program that's available to all members? Review best practices in your own department to limit cancer exposures.

Leading Practices

In today's fire service there is no excuse for firefighters to enter suspected or known IDLH atmospheres without donning the full PPE and SCBA ensemble. With continued research from entities such as the National Institute of Standards and Technology and the International Association of Fire Fighters, cancer awareness and prevention should be at the forefront of every department's safety-and-health plan.

The average lifespan of a career firefighter is significantly less than the national average for both male and females. Instead of taking years off our lives, let's turn the tables and focus on adding years to our lives. Changes in culture, policy and attitude toward safe and efficient response and wearing SCBAs to reduce our exposure will help drive this mission.

Change like the one proposed in this document is not going to be easy. It's going to take a collaborative effort from upper command all the way to the newest firefighter for compliance. Using a servant-leadership model, coupled with a new focus on the safety and health of firefighters, will be pivotal to reducing exposure to men and women of the fire service.

Related Near Miss Reports

- Smoke Exposure Overcomes FF
- Chlorine Gas Exposure
- CO Exposure in Hotel Pool Area
- Mercaptan Leak Injures Three Firefighters

Additional Resources

- Firefighter Safety Stand Down Week 2018 Resources
- NFPA 1582, Standard on Comprehensive Occupational Medical Program for Fire Departments
- A Healthcare Provider's Guide to Firefighter Physicals
- Best Practices for Preventing Firefighter Cancer
- Firefighter Cancer Support Network