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State of Connecticut
Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection
Commission on Fire Prevention and Control
March 15, 2018

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1. Hartford Yard Goats – Support the CT State Firefighters Memorial Foundation

Please support the Connecticut State Firefighters Memorial Foundation by attending the Richmond Flying Squirrels (SF Giants) vs. Hartford Yard Goats (Colorado Rockies) game 7:05 p.m. on Wednesday, June 27, 2018. Gates open at 6:05 p.m. Spend an evening at the ballpark, this is a great night out for you, your family and department members! Special pre-game ceremonies recognizing Connecticut's Bravest. Ticket order deadline is Friday, June 15. Limited tickets available!!. The earlier you and your department orders the better opportunity for the Firefighters Memorial to benefit-for each $10 ticket, the CSFMF receives $4. See the attached form to order tickets.

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2. CSFA Legislative Update

There was a lot of legislative action at the LOB this past week. Find out the latest news on bills and legislative issues related to the Fire Service in the CSFA Legislative Update with House Bill Status Report from Leon Collins.

Sent from Leon Collins, Legislative Representative
The Connecticut State Firefighters Association
collins@csfa.org email

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3. CT Fire Chiefs Association March Meeting Notice

This month's meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 27th in Branford. There is a **new format and new location**!!!

March 27th – STONEY CREEK BREWERY, 5 Indian Neck Ave., Branford, CT 06405 with catering by Donovan's Reef.

http://stonycreekbeer.com/about

1800 – Social
1830 – Educational Session
1900 – Dinner ($30pp)
1945ish – Business Meeting

Educational Session will be on the challenges of emergency services as it pertains to staffing and availability of personnel…….

PLEASE RSVP to CFCA Secretary Chief Richard McDonough via www.connecticutfirechiefs.com or 860-628-5964.

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4. Valley Fire School Summer FFI Application Period Now Open

The Valley Fire Chiefs Regional Training School is now accepting applications for our Summer Firefighter I Program. Please go to valleyfireschoolct.org for more information or to sign up!

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5. EMS Education Summit at Code One Training Solutions

Dates/Times: April 28th & 29th 2018

Location: Code One East Hartford - 121 Roberts Street East Hartford, CT 06108

Details: Code One's 2018 EMS Education Summit brings together nationally-recognized EMS Educators with dozens of first responders from across New England.

Speakers will be conducting a variety of lectures and hands-on exercises with the common goal of improving the delivery of pre-hospital emergency medicine in our community.

Full Schedule & Registration: Participants can register at https://code1web.com/summit/

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).

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6. Moving Day at ECFS - Help Needed – Sunday, March 18th

MOVING DAY SUNDAY, MARCH 18
0800 HOURS
Eastern CT Fire School
1 Fire School Road
Willimantic, CT

We will need help to pack and stow materials, furniture and equipment in conex boxes for upcoming demolition and school construction.

Help should bring gloves, safety glasses and power drills, hand tools etc. Help should be prepared to work around moving equipment as we will be palletizing equipment and using machinery to move the pallets into conex boxes.

Any help... even for an hour will be appreciated.

Moving Coordinators are to be at the fire school at 0730 hours.

All other help should be at fire school for 0800 hours with safety briefing at 0815 and work party to start immediately after. We estimate 5-6 hours of work with a good crew.

THE QUICKER WE MOVE....THE QUICKER DEMOLITION AND CONSTRUCTION WILL START.

Bill Eyberse
President
Eastern CT Fire School
1 Fire School Road
Willimantic, CT

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7. EMS Instructor Course - Last week to register!

CPR Training Professionals is holding an EMS Instructor course beginning March 25, 2018. Each Sunday from 830 am to 4:30 pm and the class ends on the only Saturday class, May 19, 2018.

See attached flyer and please click the links below for information and to register:

Click for information and to register on EMS Instructor class

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8. Firefighter Near Miss Report of the Week

Managing Helicopter Risks

Summary

In many areas, helicopters are a vital tool for EMS transport and response as well as fire suppression. Like any specialized tool, the use of helicopters requires special procedures and can add significant risk and complexity to an incident. Is your aviation mission worth the risk?

Event Description

Our engine company and tanker responded to a brush fire burning in an adjacent district. The fire was burning on an inaccessible hillside above several residences. A helicopter had been dispatched to help fight the fire, and the captain asked the pilot to drop two of us off on the mountainside to mop up the downhill flank of the fire with wildland backpacks.

The only place the chopper could land safely was on an angle, with one step on the ground. As we exited the chopper, I didn't get low enough and the pilot hit his siren. I stood up and turned around to look at him, putting myself in danger of getting hit by the blades.

After we'd been transported back down the hill, the pilot noted that I'd been only inches away from being decapitated.

View the Report: Firefighters Delivered to an Incident by Helicopter Take a Big Risk

Take-Aways

Many agencies have the ability to call on a helicopter platform for EMS transport or fire suppression operations. The ability to quickly get paramedics or firefighters to a remote scene or a traffic-clogged road can make the difference between life and death in some cases.

In some cases, accessing a wildland fire using aviation resources can keep a fire small and ensure it's suppressed during initial attack, thereby saving resources and lessening the risk for those involved in a prolonged, extended attack in remote terrain.

It's important to remember that in some cases we're merely deflecting risk to the crew of the helicopter.

Discussion

- What procedures are in place to mitigate risks related to helicopter operations?

- How much thought is given to whether you need a helicopter when deciding to request one?
- Do crew members with the helicopter have the ability to refuse an assignment?
- How have you trained for emergency or abnormal procedures with your local helicopter?

Leading Practices

Like many parts of our job, training is the key to minimizing risk with aviation resources. Engage your helicopter agency in a discussion about risk. How much information is provided to them when a mission is requested? Do they ever feel pressured to make it happen, even if they have concerns?

Make sure when requesting a helicopter response, it's because a helicopter is indeed the best option. Using an aviation platform just because you have one, because it's easier or for other nonessential reasons will likely move the risk from you and your crew right onto the helicopter crew.

When working around a helicopter, let the helicopter staff be the guide unless agency personnel have trained with the aircraft. As the reporter in this incident learned, rotor hazards are very real and can be forgotten in the heat of the moment.

Make sure you approach only on designated paths (generally from the front of the aircraft, on the downhill side) and only after making some contact with the flight crew. Approaching or departing and securing door are tasks that should be done by the flight crew or under their close guidance unless you and your crew are very familiar with the helicopter.

Making sure you have no loose items lying around the landing zone or in your hands is important to prevent damage to the helicopter that could lead to an in-flight failure.

Related Near Miss Reports

- Car Intrudes into Helicopter Landing Zone
- Helicopter Spots Wires in Landing Zone
- Firefighter Almost Hit by Spinning Helicopter Rotor
- Procedures for Helicopter Incidents Noted

Additional Resources

- Landing A Helicopter: What Firefighters Need to Know
- Helicopter Landing Zone Safety (PDF)
- Vanderbilt LifeFlight: Operation Tail Watch Class (online training)

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