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State of Connecticut
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Commission on Fire Prevention and Control
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1. CT Fire Academy & CFA Bookstore News

The CT Fire Academy Staff Offices & The CFA Bookstore will be closed on Good Friday, March 30th and Saturday, March 31st. Normal Bookstore & Academy hours will resume on Monday, April 2nd.

Have a save and happy Holiday

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2. 2018 Connecticut EMS Awards

The 2018 EMS Awards Nomination Period is now open through April 23, 2018. See the attached flyer for award and nomination information or visit www.ctemscouncils.org

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3. Accelerated Fire Classes

The Litchfield County Regional Fire Training School announces its Spring/Summer accelerated Firefighter 1 and Firefighter 2 classes. These are fast-moving and require a self-motivated student that is comfortable with online learning. Almost all traditional classroom sessions are online. Fireground activities are in the evening from 6 pm to 10 pm, two nights per week.

The Firefighter 1 class will be held at the Goshen Fire Department with some classes being off-site.
The Firefighter 2 class will be held at the Bethlehem Fire Department with some classes being off-site.
Both classes will meet for their orientation on Monday, May 14th in Goshen at 7 pm.
Schedules and an application are attached.

If you have questions, please call Richard Marcus 86-307-2267

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4. Fire Service Instructor I in Litchfield Still Has Openings!

The FSI I class in Litchfield still has several openings. Sign up soon for this very popular class!
The class runs on six consecutive Saturdays starting April 14.
The written exam is scheduled for June 2.

Class cost is $ 430.00 plus the text book and you can get an application at www.ct.gov/cfpc and click on the 2018 Calendar tab.

Hope to see you there.

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5. CT Fire Marshals Association Annual Conference – April 12-13, 2018

The CFMA's Annual Conference will be held April 12-13, 2018 at Eversource 107 Selden Street in Berlin, CT. 14.5 CT Credit Hours will be awarded for attendance on both days. Please see the attached program flyer for additional information and registration. The registration deadline is April 6 and is limited to 125 attendees each day.

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6. EMT Class

Emergency Medical Technician Course - East Hartford OR New Haven (3 seats remaining)

Dates/Times: April 9th to July 5th - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 6 pm - 10 pm
Location: Code One East Hartford - 121 Roberts Street East Hartford, CT 06108 OR
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/evening-emergency-medical-technician

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7. Active Shooter Response & Bleeding Control Presentation at Coast Guard Academy-March 31st

I am an Emergency Manager for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and an instructor with the National Association of EMTs. I wanted to make you aware of a White House initiative that I am heavily involved in called *Stop-The-Bleed (STB).* This nation-wide campaign is designed to train both civilians and first-responders on how to respond to active shooter and other intentional mass-casualty incidents (MCI).

Most MCI fatalities result from uncontrolled hemorrhage and up to 25% of victims die from wounds that are not necessarily fatal; extremity wounds being the best example. Accordingly, the emphasis of STB is on hemorrhage control through the use of life-saving tourniquets and hemostatic agents.

The recent school shooting in Florida illustrates the need for a community-based approach. That said, this Saturday, March 31, has been designated as ***National Stop the Bleed Day***. On that day, I am presenting an Active Shooter Awareness & Bleeding Control Lecture at the ***U.S. Coast Guard Academy.*** The presentation will be from ***3 pm to 5 pm***, and will include a question and answer period and hands-on training for interested attendees.

This program is free and open to the public. Please email me directly to reserve a seat. Seating will be limited, fist come/served.

Cordially,

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8. Firefighter Near Miss Report of the Week

Alert Safety Officer Moves Crew from Collapse Zone at Structure Fire

Summary

Staffing the position of incident safety officer (ISO) has proven to be a lifesaving decision many times over. This week's report profoundly illustrates that when firefighters are threatened by structural collapses, ISOs are paramount.

Event Description

The scene of this week's report is one that occurs frequently. A building, in this case several, is heavily involved in fire and all hands on scene are fully involved just trying to stop the fire.

All hands were working at a four-alarm fire, involving three balloon-framed, three-story, 30"x75" tenement houses. The center (origin) structure sustained heavy structural damage. The ISO noted the crew's position and evaluated the safety of the operation against the risk involved. This could easily have resulted in death for our members. Instead, it was a nonevent.

As you read the entire report, you'll no doubt notice the potential for a tragedy and that one decision, made long before this incident, made an undeniable difference in the lives of the firefighters who were there that night.
View the Report: Alert Safety Officer Moves Crew from Collapse Zone at Structure Fire

Take-Aways

When it comes to firefighter injuries and fatalities, sometimes no news is good news. We rarely hear about incidents where an ISO stepped in and stopped something terrible from happening. As is usually the case, it's the bad news that gets reported and repeated.

Check out this comment from the Lessons Learned section of this week's report:
Fortunately, this incident did not generate any more media attention than the report of "just another fire." The Incident Management System worked. There were no funerals or lengthy hospitalizations associated with this one. This is the way that we like it.

Discussion

Can you think of an incident in your career where an ISO could have made a difference in the outcome of an event?
Does your department have an effective ISO program?
If there is no designated ISO, who performs that responsibility?
What incidents require a safety officer?

Leading Practices

As previously mentioned, the decision that helped keep these firefighters safe in the face of a collapsing structure was made long before the fire started, probably during a long and contentious meeting of a few strong-willed fire officers. Dedicating staffing and budget resources is always a difficult decision, but very few decisions have the potential of saving more lives on the job that a robust safety-officer program can provide.

If your department is looking for ways to improve safety, the best source of information about safety-officer training, qualification and best practices is the Fire Department Safety Officer Association.

Having a qualified, empowered officer on the scene, whose only duty is to watch the backs of emergency responders, is the best way to ensure the after-action report from your department is always good news.

Related Near Miss Reports

Brick Veneer Wall Collapse During Fire Attack
Safety Officer Keeps Crews Safe During Fire
The Importance of a Designated Safety Officer
Safety Diver/Officer Stops Disoriented Diver from Disaster

Additional Resources

The Importance of Safety Officers
Fire Department Safety Officer's Association
IAFC Incident Safety Officer Training Course
Safety Officer's Role on the Incident Scene (PDF)