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State of Connecticut
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Commission on Fire Prevention and Control
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1. Spring 2018 CPAT Registration Deadline – Saturday March 10, 2018

As a reminder, the application period for the Spring 2018 Candidate Physical Ability Test will close this Saturday March 10, 2018.

For more information on CPAT visit: http://www.ct.gov/cfpc/cwp/view.asp?a=826&Q=246722&cfpcNav=|

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2. CFA Incident Safety Officer: Fire Suppression – Starting March 10, 2018 – Westport

Sign up NOW

The goal of this course is to provide students with the knowledge and skills needed to perform the duties of the Incident Safety Officer (ISO) during incident operations and training evolutions.

This course is designed for fire and emergency medical services (EMS) responders who may

be designated by the Incident Commander (IC) as an ISO while working within an Incident Command System (ICS). These assignments may occur during firefighting, EMS, special operations type incidents, and training evolutions.

This course is an incident-specific, scenario-oriented course designed to teach students what an ISO needs to know at an incident. The course uses instructor led discussion, multimedia activities, and small group discussions to convey instructional points.

Training Prerequisites: None
Required Text: Jones & Bartlett, Fire Department Incident Safety Officer, 3rd Ed.
Certification Examination Prerequisites: Certified Fire Officer I, or have been a Fire Officer with a department on or before July 1, 1986. Proof must be submitted with the application.

Certification testing time: requires an additional date for the certification written exam.

Class Hours: 24
Course Fee: $140.00
Course # 17523

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3. CFA Health & Safety Officer – East Haven – March 12-14th

Still seats available

This course examines the Health and Safety Officer's role with the identification, evaluation and implementation of policies and procedures that affect the health and safety aspects for emergency responders.

Through the use of case studies, small group workshops and instructor facilitation of safety concepts, participants will gain a thorough understanding of risk management; wellness issues; incident safety functions; regulatory requirements and their impact on increasing the survivability of fire department personnel. This course is designed for individuals who have department level health and safety responsibilities. Attendees should have a working knowledge of ICS, applicable NFPA and OSHA requirements, and responsibility for setting policy for their department on such issues.

Training Prerequisites: None
Required Text: IFSTA Health and Safety Officer, 2nd Edition
Certification Examination Prerequisites: Direct Entry
Certification testing time: requires an additional date for the certification written exam.

Class Hours: 24
Course Fee: $140.00
Course # 17522

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4. CSFA Irregulars Association Meeting

The Connecticut State Firefighters Irregulars Association will be meeting on Wednesday, March 21st, at the Sandy Hook Volunteer Fire Department, 18 Riverside Road, Sandy Hook (Newtown). Social Time begins at 6:00 PM, Roast Beef Dinner at 6:45.

Cost for the dinner is $25.00. Please RSVP, by March 17th, to Secretary Charlie Coakley at 203-948-0731 or coakfour@snet.net.

As always, feel free to bring along an interested fellow Firefighter or Friend.

Mark your calendars, future meetings will be in Beacon Falls on July 18 and in Avon, on September 14th.

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5. Hartford Fire Department Photography Exhibit

The Tobacco Shop 89 Pratt Street in Hartford presents an Open House featuring the photography of The Hartford Fire Department Photographers. The displayed photographs are the combined work of Kenneth Beliveau, Patrick Dooley, Sean Freiman, Jim Peruta & Nick Peruta. The event will be held on Friday, March 16 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. The Gallery will be on display through March 31st. See the attached for additional information.

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6. Federal Leaders Need to Hear from You

This past year, Congress approved legislation to reauthorize the Assistance to Firefighters and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant programs, and the United States Fire Administration. In addition, Congress approved the tax bill that included major provisions of the Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act. It took us 15 years but we were finally able to convince Congress to take action on this measure.

The fire service prevails when Congress hears our voices. This is why we encourage you to join your colleagues in Washington, DC on April 18-19 for the 30th Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Symposium and Dinner. 2017 was a successful year for the fire service in Washington, DC with the passage of these and other pieces of legislation. But our work is not finished, nor is it ever finished. While authorization measures are very important, each year we must convince Congress to appropriate funding for our programs, including AFG/SAFER and USFA. And there are always other important measures that demand our attention.

The Firefighter Cancer Registry Act is one such measure (H.R.931 and S.382). Introduced by Representatives Chris Collins and Bill Pascrell in the House and Senators Robert Menendez and Lisa Murkowski in the Senate, the bill would create a national cancer registry specifically for firefighters that would be managed by the Center for Disease Control to improve data collection and research on cancer in firefighters.

Having 1,500 fire service leaders in Washington, DC dressed in uniform and walking the halls of Congress over a two-day period has a profound impact on members of Congress and the decisions they make. With pressure mounting to control federal spending due to a rising debt, we cannot be complacent or make assumptions about continued support; we must remain active, making our voices always heard on Capitol Hill.

CFSI is a privately-funded organization. We have taken great pride in our work throughout the years to preserve the AFG and SAFER grant programs that have delivered nearly $12 billion in grants to your departments. CFSI has never applied for a grant because we believe these funds can have the greatest impact at the local level, enabling your departments to purchase new equipment and training, and hiring staff and recruiting and retaining your volunteers. With your support, you can be assured that we will continue to advocate for you and your fellow firefighters to ensure that you have the training and equipment needed to perform your missions safely and effectively.

Please visit our website by clicking the button below to learn more about the 30th Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Symposium and Dinner if you haven't already registered. We hope you can join your peers and us and help us make a difference for our nation's fire and emergency services. https://www.cfsi.org/2018-dinner/

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7. Avon Volunteer FD Blood Drive – March 30th

The AVFD Annual Good Friday Blood Drive is coming on March 30th!
The American Red Cross is in need of blood and it is time to do our part.
Please donate! If you cannot donate blood, tell three friends and find someone to donate in your place.
Attached is a flyer to remind friends and local businesses of the upcoming Blood Drive.
The drive will be held at AVFD HQ 25 Darling Drive, Avon CT from 11:00am - 4:45pm.
Make an appointment at: www.redcrossblood.org/give/drive/driveSearch.jsp

Sign up for Rapidpass it saves time.

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8. Firefighter Near Miss Report of the Week

Station and Apparatus Maintenance Hazards

Summary
Firefighters routinely perform maintenance on apparatus and have various station duties that have unseen risks. Disaster can strike even when we aren't responding to an emergency.

Event Description
While lowering the snowplow blade from the mezzanine using the crane, the safety stop on the hook dislodged, causing one of the straps to come off the hook. The snowplow blade fell about five feet to the ground.

A firefighter was using a tagline to help control the blade's descent. If the firefighter hadn't been using the tagline, someone could have been severely injured or killed. The blade was in working order after the incident; damage was minimized to a small mark on the floor where the snowplow blade hit.

View the Report: Tagline Assists in Control of Downward Descending Snowplow Blade

Take-Aways

Firefighters are a unique breed. A number of different trades are generally represented in any given firehouse. Plumbers, electricians, carpenters and mechanics make up our shifts.

Combine this with a personality that tends to tackle problems and you have the potential for crews to tackle repair and maintenance problems head-on. This is a good quality, but at times it can present hazards.

Working on routine projects with internal talent can be a good team-building activity while completing projects that may not be possible otherwise. It's important to make sure proper safety precautions and procedures are followed, especially when working on apparatus.

Discussion

- Does your department allow crews to tackle routine station and apparatus maintenance projects? Are there limits on what is done internally and what is contracted out?
- When performing apparatus maintenance projects, how often do you consult manufacturer manuals and documents or consult manufacturer representatives?
- Do you have the ability to hand off projects to members who have more skills in a particular area than you?

Leading Practices

Firefighters perform maintenance on apparatus and around the station as part of our everyday duties. Sometimes this is done to quickly repair equipment. Some departments handle regular servicing of apparatus internally.

Make sure that everyone who is helping with a project understands what needs to be done, and don't assume that all staff members involved have the experience and skills necessary.

The younger firefighters will likely not have the various trade experiences that more seasoned staff have. Use that opportunity to educate younger members on correct repair and maintenance procedures.

A new firefighter may not have performed even basic home repair before and may need some mentoring before helping with a construction project at the station. Use the resources that are available in your department. Do you have members of the department who have a background in the trade you'll be working in?

When working on apparatus, consider utilizing fleet repair or the services of a shop with certified mechanics for major components like engine, drivetrain and braking systems. With other repairs, make sure manufacturer documents and procedures are adhered to.

We rely on our apparatus to protect us as responders and to deliver services to our communities. Making substandard, improvised or band-aid repairs can lead to equipment damage, injuries or worse.

If you discover a problem, diagnose it correctly and quickly, then pass the information on through the proper channels. This can allow for enough time to make necessary repairs.

Related Near Miss Reports

- Wrist Injury Results from Sharpening Blade
- Safety Stop Fails on Station Lawn Mower
- Pole Slide Becomes a Freefall

Additional Resources

- Fire Apparatus Magazine: Tips for Apparatus Maintenance
- FireRescue1.com - Who’s Working on your Fire Apparatus?
- NIOSH LODD Report - A Career Lieutenant Dies and Three Fire Fighters are Injured in Ladder Truck Crash