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State of Connecticut
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Commission on Fire Prevention and Control
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1. CFA Health & Safety Officer – East Haven – March 12-14th

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

http://www.ct.gov/cfpc/cwp/view.asp?Q=599068&A=833

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2. New Free Training for Roadway Safety to Help Fire Officers!

Are you a Fire Officer? Can you pass this on to one? We now offer a new free online training module to build your skills as a fire officer.

If you operate on the roadway, you will want to take this new module from ResponderSafety.com and the ResponderSafety Learning Network to get free training guidance designed to help Fire Officers train their crews in traffic incident management so roadway operations like vehicle fires, extrication, and crash response are safer. The training module is available here. Click this link.

The module's abstract describes the content available in this module.

ABSTRACT
The Responder Safety Learning Network (RSLN) offers a comprehensive set of self-paced programs covering all aspects of traffic incident management (TIM) for first responders. These modules are available to all first responders at their initiative and fire officers are free to integrate them into their departmental training. However, many fire officers would like guidance and support materials to more easily and effectively integrate RSLN¹s roadway incident safety training for firefighters into their department¹s training plan. This self-paced program will assist fire officers with integrating roadway incident safety training into their department, including (but not limited to) self-paced programs and resources available through RSLN and ResponderSafety.com.

Click here to register for free, or registered users can just log in and take the new module!

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3. Wolcott State Fire School Spring 2018 Firefighter I/HazMat

The Wolcott State Fire Training School will be holding a Spring 2018 Firefighter I and Hazardous Materials Operational Certification Training Program beginning March 13, 2018.

Please see the attached flyer for additional course information and registration. For further information, please contact school director, Scott Poulton, at wsfsdirector@aol.com or (860) 637-6442 www.wolcottfireschool.com

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4. Wolcott State Fire School Spring 2018 Firefighter II

The Wolcott State Fire Training School will be holding a Spring 2018 Firefighter II Program beginning April 4, 2018.

Please see the attached flyer for additional course information and registration. For further information, please contact school director, Scott Poulton, at wsfsdirector@aol.com or (860) 637-6442 www.wolcottfireschool.com

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5. PHTLS - Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support - East Hartford

Dates/Times: March 10th & 11th 9 am - 5 pm

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

Details: This 16 hour EMS continuing education course prepares first responders to manage trauma patients. Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) is recognized around the world as the leading Continuing Education program for prehospital emergency trauma care, per the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT).
The course delivers the latest standards in prehospital trauma care using lectures and dynamic hands-on skill sessions such as rapid extrication, pediatric immobilization and more. It is designed to enhance the knowledge and skill of first responders, EMTs, paramedics, physicians, nurses, and other licensed health care professionals.

Upon successful completion of the course you can earn 16 hours of CEUs of instructor-led credit for nurses, paramedics, and EMTs and a PHTLS provider certification valid for 4 years.

Register: Participants can register at https://code1web.com/prehospital-trauma-life-support/

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6. Application Period Dates Announced for the FY 2017 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants

The FY 2017 SAFER application period will open on Monday, March 26, 2018 at 8 am ET and will close on Friday, April 27, 2018 at 5 PM ET.

Start planning your FY 2017 SAFER Grant application now by reviewing the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and Economic Hardship Waivers Information Bulletin (IB). These documents can be viewed on the AFG website or downloaded to your computer. Technical assistance tools, to help potential applicants begin to plan their 2017 applications ahead of the application period, will be coming soon.

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
- Economic Hardship Waivers

SAFER Grants Help Desk: If you have questions about the NOFO or the Economic Hardship Waiver, call or e-mail the SAFER Grants help Desk. The toll-free number is 1-866-274-0960; the e-mail address for questions is firegrants@fema.dhs.gov.

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7. IFSTA Seeking Members for Upcoming Committees

We are seeking applications for two (2) new validation committees that will be selected in July and start their work later this year. The first in-person meetings will be in Tulsa during the third week of January, 2019. IFSTA covers the travel expenses for January meetings; travel expenses are not covered for July meetings.

The two committees that we are accepting applications for are the Hazardous Materials and Pumping/Aerial Apparatus Driver/Operator committees. One change from past practices is that the Hazardous Materials committee will validate both the First Responder and Technician manuals, as opposed to separate committees as we had in the past. The application is attached.

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8. Firefighter Near Miss Report of the Week

Electric Pole Arcing Causes Flash Burns and Eye Injury.

Summary

Sometimes the obvious hazard presented on an emergency scene isn't the one that causes us harm. Fire crews respond to thousands of calls each year involving downed power lines with expectations of facing possible electrocution or an electrically sparked fire. While working to mitigate these obvious hazards, the crew involved in this week's report found out the hard way that they were exposed to danger of a different sort.

Event Description

Units responded to a manhole fire that had extended to a nearby electric pole and caused arcing of the overhead wires. An engine company stretched handlines with a fog tip and used an intermitted burst of water to extinguish the fire that was extending up the pole while ensuring that no water came in proximity to the arcing wires.

Members of this engine crew were in a safe operating position approximately 30 feet away from the continuously arcing electric wires for over an hour while waiting for the utility company to arrive. After the operations were completed, several members of this unit complained of irritation to the eyes. One member suffered severe irritation to his eyes and was subsequently diagnosed with flash burns to the cornea.
View the Report: Flash Burns Cause Eye Injury

Take-Aways

We're trained to look for threats as we approach each incident and to take appropriate protective measures to prevent injuries. The injuries suffered by the crew in this incident weren't apparent until after the operation ended and it was too late to prevent them. Luckily, they were minor, but any eye injury is potentially devastating and should be treated as such.

It's difficult to train for unseen hazards, especially when they're in the low-risk/low-frequency category. It's appropriate that we spend most of our time in education and preparation for high-risk/high-frequency occurrences, such as flashover, structural collapse,

vehicle events and physical fitness, but we must never forget that something unexpected could happen.

Sometimes the best we can do is to maintain the awareness that, even though it may not be obvious, there may be hazards present on each and every scene that can do us harm.

Discussion

- Have you or another department member been the victim of a hidden hazard? How did it affect the way you approach each incident?
- What are examples of hazards that could be present but not obvious during a structure fire? Vehicle fire? EMS call?
- What are some ways to lessen the potential of being injured by an unseen threat?

Leading Practices

Though the list of potential unseen hazards can be extensive, for this week's ROTW, let's use the experience of the crew involved in the report to educate ourselves about their specific injuries.

From the report's Lessons Learned section:
A "flash burn" is a burn to the clear front of the eye called the cornea, which may cause pain and inflammation. A flash burn occurs from exposure to ultraviolet (UV) light from various sources including electrical arcing, welding, and intense sunlight. Flash burns are sometimes called "welder flash or arc eye." While operating at similar incidents, avoid looking directly at the arc and use distance to reduce the effects. Intermittent, brief glances should be sufficient to maintain situational awareness.
For more information, visit All About Welder's Eye or Arc Flash. You can also review related near-miss reports below.
If you've had an experience you'd like to share in the interest of keeping your fellow firefighters safe on the job, visit the National Firefighter Near Miss Reporting System.

Related Near Miss Reports

- Sinkhole Surprises Firefighter During Size-Up
- Holiday Meal Preparation Results in BLEVE Situation
- Medical Call Turns into a CO Incident
- Firefighter Falls into Elevator Shaft at residential Structure Fire

Additional Resources

- FireEngineering.com Article: Risk Management on the Fireground
- FireEngineering.com Article: Common Fireground Dangers
- EveryoneGoesHome: Risk Versus Reward (PPS file)