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**State of Connecticut**
**Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection**
**Commission on Fire Prevention and Control**
**May 8, 2018**

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## 1. Use of Examination Preparation Guidebooks

The Certification Division would like to clarify the use of Examination Preparation Guidebooks in regards to written exam testing. The guidebooks are designed to provide students with an additional study aid in preparation for written certification exams. These study aids are not used in the validation process for the written exams. Tests are validated to the current versions of NFPA standards and textbooks specific to a given subject area. Generally, NFPA standards are updated on a 5-year revision cycle. In most cases that also creates the need for textbook publishers to produce new editions. The updated standard and updated textbooks also create a need for training agencies to write revised lesson plans/programs. The final step in the revision process is for new exams to be validated and released. From the moment a new standard is released, testing agencies have two years to update all materials. An additional year or more can go by before the updated preparation guidebooks are published. The Certification Division receives all of our test banks from a third party vendor. That vendor provides its own review of questions to ensure each one can be validated back to current standards and textbooks. These reviews are conducted by subject

matter experts from various jurisdictions throughout the country. Upon receiving updated test banks, our division fully validates each question, again using peer subject matter experts, providing another round of review. The test banks and preparation guidebooks are released by the same vendor. There are similar questions/answers contained in both the test banks and guidebooks. However, there are many more questions contained in the test banks than placed into the preparation guidebooks. Solely using the guidebooks without studying from the assigned textbook will not have the desired outcome. Again, the Certification Division does not reference the guidebooks nor do we keep track of which books are current or outdated. The Certification webpage on the CFPC site is updated on a regular basis. There is a link on that page; Examination Reference Materials that lists the up-to-date standards and textbooks for each tested level. That document should be used as your primary source of study for any level of certification. Any questions, please contact Certification Director Jason Decremer at 860-264-9225 or jason.decremer@ct.gov

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**2. Middlesex County Fire Chiefs May Meeting Notice**

The regular monthly meeting of the Middlesex County Fire Chiefs Inc. will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at the Middlefield Fire Department beginning at 19:00 hours.

Burt Hale, Secretary

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**3. Pump Operator Certification**

West Thompson Fire Department June 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, and 17.
Certification Test July 7th
6-day program. $376 per student.

This course is designed to prepare the student for the practical skills and written examinations for Pump Operator certification. Class work will include: safe driving techniques, preventive maintenance, pump operations, hydraulic calculations, water supply and apparatus systems. The course begins inside the classroom and ends outside with pumping apparatus. The main emphasis is on "hands-on" exercises using various types of pumps, hose sizes and nozzles. This course alone is not designed to produce expert pump operators. Students must apply the basics learned from this course with continued hands-on practical applications with apparatus in their departments to build and maintain proficiency in pump apparatus operations. Full protective clothing (No SCBA) is required.

See attached for more information

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**4. CFA Rescue Tech Core – Starts May 22, 2018 – East Haven**

This course is designed to meet the job performance requirements in chapter 5 of NFPA 1006 Rescue Technician. Students will learn the basics of site operations, size-up, resource management, hazard/risk assessment, ground support for helicopter operations and incident

management as it relates to the rescue environment. Students will learn skills to use rope-rescue equipment to manage victims, anchor-rope systems, build and operate lowering and hauling systems in a low angle environment. Students will also be able to inspect and maintain related rescue equipment. This program is a prerequisite for all technical rescue certification courses. The PPE requirements are rescue gloves, a protective helmet and footwear. Required Texts: IFSTA Fire Service Search and Rescue 8th edition, Technical Rescue Operations Field Guide 4th edition Training Prerequisite: Firefighter I, Hazardous Material Operational and minimum EMR Class Hours: 48

Course # 17545

Course Fee: $465.00

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**5. CPAT Special Sessions – June 2 & 16th, 2018**

The CT Fire Academy has opened up 2 special sessions for those candidates who have taken CPAT before. The applications will be available on the CT Fire Academy website. Please complete the application and either email to Jackie Kilby Richards (Jacklyn.Kilby-Richards@ct.gov) or fax to the number on the application. Registration is limited to 50 candidates per session.

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**6. 2018 CFA June Fire School – Course Booklet**

The Connecticut Fire Academy's 2018 June Fire School updated booklet is available for download, please see attached. There are a number of new class offerings this year. Don't delay register today as many of the popular classes will fill very quickly. See you at the June Fire School!

Or view on our website

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**7. Hartford Yard Goats – Support the State Firefighters Memorial Foundation – Reserve Tickets Today!**

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 – Make a night of it for your fire department/company. Don't delay order today!!

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**8. Tactical Emergency Casualty Care Course - Canton**

**Dates/Times:** Saturday 6/9 & Sunday 6/10 - 9 am - 5 pm
**Location:** Canton Fire Department - Collinsville Station - 51 River Road - Canton CT 06019

**Details:**
In this class, you'll get inside knowledge about the three core phases of trauma care. These phases have been well proven by TCCC-trained personnel in the war against terrorism in Iraq and Afghanistan.

You'll get the knowledge they perfected in combat, adapted for first responders back home. TECC focuses on the care and medicine of trauma patients during three critical phases of tactical or hazardous incidents.

While TECC has a tactical slant, it takes an all-hazards approach to providing care outside the normal operating conditions of most EMS agencies, such as responding to a mass casualty or active shooter event.

**For more information or to register visit:** code1web.com/taccode1web.com/tac

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**9. Lieutenant Beck Retirement**

Willimantic Fire Department and Willimantic Fire Fighters Local 1033 are pleased to announce the retirement of Lieutenant John Beck after almost 32 years of service. A retirement party will be held at the Willimantic Elks Lodge, 198 Pleasant Street, Willimantic CT on May 19, 2018. Tickets are available from any Willimantic member or call 860-465-3126. Tickets are $30 each.

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**10. 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.