



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

- 1. Retirement Party for Guilford FD Assistant Chief Wayne Vetre**
- 2. Oral Interview Prep Class**
- 3. Chester Hose Company Craft Fair**
- 4. Bells Across America for Fallen Firefighters**
- 5. NFPA Announces “Don’t Wait: Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years” as Theme for 2016 Fire Prevention Week**
- 6. Seminar Series - Risk Benefit Overview: Does NIOSH Get it Right?**
- 7. 2016 CT IAAI Seminar**

-----

**1. Retirement Party for Guilford FD Assistant Chief Wayne Vetre**

Retirement party for Assistant Chief Wayne Vetre of the Guilford Fire Department.  
October 19th from 6:30pm-9:30pm at The Woodwinds in Branford.

Tickets are \$40. See the attached flyer.

deadline for tickets is Friday October 7th.  
No tickets will be sold at the door.

Tickets available at Guilford Fire HQ (203)453-8056 or by calling Joe Deko (203) 996-0813 or Steve LaPaglia (203)410-6159

-----

**2. Oral Interview Prep Class**

Larus Institute will hold a one-day, entry-level, firefighter oral interview prep class at the Round Hill Volunteer Fire Company on Saturday, October 15. This course prepares applicants for all interviews, including those that are coming up soon. In this highly interactive, mock interview class, participants use templates to learn how to prepare their own responses, the kind of answers panelists want to hear. Participants receive a complimentary copy of *Firefighter Oral Interview Prep Workbook* and walk home with the beginning of some great responses.

Go to [www.publicsafetyprep.com](http://www.publicsafetyprep.com) for more information and to register.

-----

### **3. Chester Hose Company Craft Fair**

The Chester Hose Company will be holding the 2<sup>nd</sup> “Fall Back, Spring Ahead” Arts & Craft Fair event at St. Joseph’s Church, Parish Center, located at 48 Middlesex Ave (Rt. 154) in Chester, CT this Saturday.

There will be a large variety of local homemade crafts, such as jewelry, organic teas, wood crafts, embroidered items and much more! Come shop for yourself, your home or for a gift. There will be something available for **All** ages!

There will be food available for purchase from breakfast items to dessert!

*There will be raffle items available so come get your raffle ticket!*

**PLEASE NOTE: FREE ADMISSION AND FREE PARKING**

-----

### **4. Bells Across America for Fallen Firefighters**

Since the early days of the fire service, bells have been used as a way to summon firefighters to a station, communicate the type of emergency or announce the end of a shift. When a firefighter died in the line of duty, a special sequence of five bells was tapped. The tolling of bells is still a tradition to honor the fallen during funerals and memorial services for firefighters.

You can be part of a national tradition to honor the memories of firefighters who died in the line of duty and show your support for their survivors. Join the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) in Bells Across America for Fallen Firefighters. This poignant tribute is part of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend, October 8-9 in Emmitsburg, MD.

*"Bells Across America for Fallen Firefighters is a unique, grass-roots opportunity for a community to pay their respects to these brave men and women," said Chief Ronald J. Siarnicki, Executive Director of the NFFF. "It is also a very meaningful way to show the survivors of the fallen that their loved ones will not be forgotten."*

Show Your Support – Sign Up Today

Visit **[BellsAcrossAmerica.com](http://BellsAcrossAmerica.com)** to sign up and find resources for your event.

-----

### **5. NFPA Announces “Don’t Wait: Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years” as Theme for 2016 Fire Prevention Week**

The [National Fire Protection Association](http://NationalFireProtectionAssociation.org) (NFPA) announced [“Don’t Wait: Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years”](http://NFPA.org/Don-t-Wait-Check-the-Date-Replace-Smoke-Alarms-Every-10-Years) as the official theme for this year’s [Fire Prevention Week](http://NFPA.org/Fire-Prevention-Week) campaign, October 9-15,

2016. The focus on [smoke alarm replacement](#) comes as the result of a recent survey conducted by NFPA, which showed that only a small percentage of people know how old their smoke alarms are or how often they need to be replaced.

NFPA 72, [National Fire Alarm Code®](#), requires [smoke alarms](#) be replaced at least every 10 years, but because the public is generally unaware of this requirement, many homes likely have smoke alarms past their expiration date, putting people at increased risk in the event of a home fire.

“Smoke alarms play an essential role in home fire safety, but they have to be working properly in order to protect people,” said Lorraine Carli, vice president of NFPA’s Outreach and Advocacy division. “This year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign represents the final year of a three-year effort to better educate the public about the importance of smoke alarms, and what it takes to make sure they’re in working order.”

According to an [NFPA report](#), in one-fifth (20 percent) of all U.S. homes with smoke alarms, the smoke alarms aren’t working; three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without smoke alarms (38 percent) or with no working smoke alarms (21 percent).

“People tend to assume that simply having smoke alarms in their home ensures adequate protection from fires, but it takes regular testing and maintenance to ensure that that’s the case,” said Carli. “Part of that effort is making sure you know how old the smoke alarms in your home are, and that they’re replaced every 10 years.” Carli notes that the age of a smoke alarm can be determined by looking for the date of manufacture on the back or side of the alarm, and to replace the units 10 years from that date.

NFPA has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years. For more information on this year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign, “Don’t Wait: Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years,” visit [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org).

-----

## **6. Seminar Series - Risk Benefit Overview: Does NIOSH Get it Right?**

October 21, 2016. Course Number: 17036 Cost: \$55.00, lunch included.

Instructor: Deputy Chief Joseph Fleming, Boston Fire Department

The course will discuss what is it “risk” and what does it mean for firefighting decision-making. The course will move on to detail the NIOSH Investigative Process and how it takes “risk into account”. Specific examples from NIOSH investigations will be used. Chief Fleming will break down some of the incidents that he has been involved in and discuss specific lessons that the audience members can take with them to improve their decision making and fireground safety.

- Beacon Street Fire
- Boston Marathon
- High Rise Fires
- MayDay Situations
- Technical Rescue Incidents

-----

## **7. 2016 CT IAAI Seminar**

The CT IAAI is pleased to announce the 31st Annual CT IAAI Seminar. This year the CT IAAI commemorates 30 years of the Accelerant Detection Canine Program.

The Seminar will take place November 17th & 18th, 2016 at the Sheraton Hartford South Hotel in Rocky Hill. See attached flyer for additional details.

This brochure and other information is available on the CT IAAI website at: <http://www.iaai-ct.org/>"

**PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS EMAIL**