



**State of Connecticut
Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection
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1. CFA Bookstore News

The following books are in stock or coming soon to the CFA Bookstore.

NFPA

NFPA 101: Life Safety Code, 2012 edition

Tabs for the NFPA: 101 Life Safety Code, 2012 edition

NFPA 1: Uniform Fire Code, 2012 edition

NFPA 54: Gas Equipment and Piping, 2012 edition

NFPA 72: National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code, 2010 edition

NFPA 13: Installation of Sprinkler Systems, 2010 edition

NFPA 25: Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems, 2011 edition

INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL

2012 International Fire Code Loose Leaf

2012 international Fire Code Soft Cover

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2012 International Building Code Loose Leaf

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2012 International Mechanical Code Loose Leaf

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Fire Inspector's Guide Based on the 2012 International Fire Code

Thank-you,
Pam and Karen
CFA Bookstore

2. South Windsor FMO Sponsoring New Fire Investigator Class

The South Windsor Fire Marshal Office is sponsoring a PATC 2.5 day New Fire Investigator Class on October 17, 18, & 19 at South Windsor Volunteer Fire Department Firehouse #3 located at 232 West Road. If you are a NAFI member or want to become one, at the end of the class we will proctor the NAFI CFEI written examination. Course information and the application for the examination is attached. The class has been approved for 20.5 hours of CEU's by ODEM.

3. One Innocent Life's Video

Watching this video will change someone you loves awareness about fire safety. Please watch and share One Innocent Life's video made in conjunction with the Middletown Fire Department, Wesleyan University and some wonder volunteers.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9tVQGDyzUHQ&ab_channel=OneInnocentLife

4. Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification Course in South Windsor

National Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification Course
Oct 25-28, 2016 0800 -1600 Hours Daily
South Windsor Fire Department HQ 1175 Ellington Road, South Windsor, CT 06074
Cost: \$150.00 Local Fee and \$85.00 National SafeKids Certification Fee
Robin Bond Lead Instructor robin.bond@southwindsor.org 860-644-2551

To enroll go to <http://cert.safekids.org/>

5. Public Safety Dive Team Seminar & Workshop

ScubaShack of Rocky Hill Connecticut in cooperation with Diving unlimited international from San Diego California, will be hosting and presenting a public safety dive team seminar and demonstration. "Equipment - Education - Experience" is the theme to introduce the latest technology, equipment and techniques to keep the Public Safety diver safe. Manufacturers and training agencies from around the United States will be

onsite to speak on all areas concerning Public Safety diving and allowing for participants to try and demo the various equipment in the water.

All members of Public Safety dive teams (Surface Support and/or Divers of any Fire or Police dive team) are welcome to attend. Please call if there's any questions regarding the seminar.

See attached flyer for details.

6. Echo Hose Hook and Ladder Co. 1 Annual Steak & Brew

The Echo Hose Hook and Ladder CO. 1 will be hosting our "Annual Steak & Brew" on Saturday, October 8th from 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM at 379 Coram Avenue in Shelton!

Attached, please find our flyer - if you all could send this to your members via email and post it at your headquarters, we would greatly appreciate it!

Also, here is the link to our Facebook event page! <https://www.facebook.com/events/532519170279226>

7. Firefighter Near Miss Report of the Week

Firearm Pulled on Paramedics During Assessment

SUMMARY

Two paramedics were called to a residence by the patient's wife. While they were assessing the patient he told them he did not need an ambulance and he did not want them in his house. He pulled out a handgun to convince them to leave.

EVENT DESCRIPTION

When the ambulance arrived on the scene, a female was standing in the driveway stating that she had called for her husband and he was inside the home. Prior to entering the residence, dispatch informed the paramedics that they had dispatched law enforcement to respond as well. The paramedics entered the residence and made contact with the patient. He was intoxicated and agitated. He stated he did not want the ambulance and he did not want the paramedics in his residence. One of the paramedic's attempted to talk with the patient while his partner stepped into the garage and contacted dispatch to check the estimated time of arrival of law enforcement.

Shortly after this radio transmission the patient reached below his desk and pulled out a large caliber handgun. The paramedics immediately exited the house, convinced the wife to get into the ambulance with them and drove a few houses down the road and waited for law enforcement to arrive. Dispatch was informed that the patient had just pulled a gun out on them. When law enforcement arrived, the patient had exited the residence, still carrying the pistol. Law enforcement had a short standoff and the patient eventually dropped the gun and surrendered himself to the police.

View the report: [Firearm Pulled on Paramedics During Assessment](#)

TAKE-AWAYS

Every day in the news we hear about violence committed against individuals. Attacks against law enforcement are on the rise. Fire and EMS personnel are also becoming more frequent targets. It is imperative that we maintain situational awareness on even the most routine and mundane call to ensure the highest degree of safety for crews and our ourselves.

DISCUSSION

- How can your dispatch center alert you enroute to a potential violent incident? Is there a way to view the previous history at that address to see if there were past problems?
- When approaching a suspect location, what is your agency's policy concerning law enforcement notification? Do you stage until the scene is cleared by law enforcement?
- Does your department provide any personal protective gear for potentially violent scenes, and if so, what is your policy for its use?
- Are you able to dedicate one of your members on scene to stand back and maintain situational awareness and overall scene safety? Is everyone on scene empowered to function as a safety officer?

LEADING PRACTICES

We must resist the tendency to become complacent on “Low Risk-High Frequency” “routine” incidents in order to maintain a constant state of vigilance. When looking at risk management models we quickly realize threats against first responders fall into the “High Risk-Low Frequency category, in many cases without the luxury of extended time.

All personnel who find themselves in a threatening situation must maintain a heightened degree of vigilance and work as a team to watch one another's back. Everyone must be comfortable in the role of scene safety officer.

The time to develop relationships with law enforcement is prior to finding ourselves in a compromised position. We should discuss their roles and expectations, as well as our own, so that when situations deteriorate we know how to react. For example, due to an increase in active shooter incidents, we should take the opportunity to train and drill with our local law enforcement whenever possible.

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- [Knife appears on a routine medical response](#)
- [Weapons found during routine medical call](#)
- [Multiple shots fired at medical call](#)
- [Handgun found during patient assessment](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [IAB Active Shooter & Hostile Event Guide \(pdf\)](#)
- [Training Trigger: Integrated Response Operations in Active Shooter/Hostile Events \(pdf\)](#)
- [Journal of Emergency Medicine Article - Preventing Violence Against EMS and First Responders](#)
- [EMS World Article - Violence Against EMS Providers: What Can We Do About It?](#)

- [Drexel University, Dornsife School of Public Health - Firefighter Injury Research & Safety Trends \(FIRST\)](#)
- [EMS1.com Article - Assault is not in the EMS job description](#)

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