



**State of Connecticut
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Commission on Fire Prevention and Control**

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1. CFA and CFA Bookstore News

The Connecticut Fire Academy and the CFA Bookstore will be closed on Monday, October 10th in observance of Columbus Day. Regular business hours will resume on Tuesday, October, 11th.

2. New Hampshire Fire Academy Hosts Health Matters

The New Hampshire Fire Academy extends an invitation to CT Firefighters to attend a free day-long event for all firefighters and EMSs focusing upon cancer and behavioral health. The program will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2016. See the attached flyer for additional information and registration.

3. Basic Pump in East Haven

Openings available for Basic Pumps in East Haven for November 5 and 6th. This 2-day class covers pump panel controls, drafting and hydrants, “rule of thumb” principles for rely pumping, standpipe, sprinkler, and hand line operations. PPE (except SCBA) required. Pre-requisite is Fire Fighter I. Course number 17005, tuition \$90. Student application:

http://ct.gov/cfpc/lib/cfpc/2016_CFA_Student_Course_Application_Form_with_CC_SC.pdf

4. Flags to Fly Half-Staff Sunday in Recognition of National Fallen Firefighters Memorial



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
GOVERNOR DANIEL P. MALLOY

GOV. MALLOY: FLAGS TO FLY HALF-STAFF SUNDAY IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Governor Daniel P. Malloy today announced that – in accordance with a [proclamation](#) from President Barack Obama and Public Law 107-51 – U.S. and state flags in Connecticut will be lowered to half-staff from sunrise to sunset on Sunday, October 9, 2016, in recognition of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service, an annual observance honoring the sacrifices of fallen firefighters throughout the country.

Accordingly, since no flag should fly higher than the U.S. flag, all state, local, municipal, corporate, and other flags should also be lowered during this same duration of time.

“Every day, the men and women who make up our fire departments risk their lives to protect our communities, and in doing so, they embody the honor and integrity of their professions,” Governor Malloy said. “We encourage all residents to participate in this national observance, so that we as a nation and a state can let every firefighter and first responder know just how much we collectively appreciate their service and the courage they display each and every day.”

Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman said, “We are grateful to our firefighters for their commitment to our communities. They set an example of selfless public service, putting their own lives in danger each time they put on a uniform. We appreciate their dedication and bravery, and the sacrifices they and their families make in protecting us all.”

5. Live AFG Webinars

Beginning on Tuesday, October 11th 1:30 PM EDT, FEMA will host a series of live Adobe Connect webinars walking applicants through the FY 2016 AFG application. These webinars will cover every section of the application. A webinar for each applicant type is scheduled as indicated below. FEMA Fire Program Specialists will be available to answer your questions.

Currently Scheduled Topics:

Topic	Day of Week	Dates	Time
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Fire Department Operations & Safety	Tuesday	10/11 & 10/18	1:30 pm - 3:30 pm EDT
Non-Affiliated EMS Vehicle & Operations & Safety	Wednesday	10/12 & 10/19	1:30 pm - 3:30 pm EDT
Regional Application (Operations & Safety and Vehicle)	Friday	10/14 & 10/21	1:30 pm - 3:30 pm EDT
Fire Department Vehicle Application	Saturday	10/15 & 10/22	1:30 pm - 3:30 pm EDT

Live Webinars

To participate:

Webinar sessions will be broadcast using an Adobe Connect webinar link with call-in phone number for audio transmission. We suggest that you save this link to your browser's favorites.

The Adobe Connect webinar can be found at <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/appwalkthrough/>. To access the webinar follow these steps:

1. Click on the webinar link
2. Select “**enter as a guest**” and provide **your name** and your **department’s name**. Click on enter the room
3. Agree to the terms of the Adobe Connect system, Click on “OK”

For the audio transmission, the call-in number is: 1-800-320-4330. Enter pin # 530853.

Not sure if the webinar is working on your computer? Test your webinar access now by signing in as a guest, just visit: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/afg-help/>

6. Middlefield Volunteer Fire Company to Host 25 to Survive

The Middlefield Volunteer Fire Company will host the program *25 to Survive* presented by B/C Daniel D. Shaw, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue and Lt. Douglas J. Mitchell, FDNY on Saturday, October 15, 2016 beginning at 8:30 a.m. The class is being offered free of charge with a donation being ask to cover lunch costs. Please respond to townofmiddlefield03@snet.net or 860-349-7124 for a seat.

See the attached flyer for additional information.

7. How often do smoke alarms need to be replaced? A national survey shows most Americans don’t know...

Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 9-15, 2016, promotes the importance of replacing smoke alarms every 10 years

How often should the smoke alarms in your home be replaced? If you don't know, you're not alone. A national survey conducted by the [National Fire Protection Association](#) (NFPA) shows that nine out of 10 Americans don't know how often [smoke alarms](#) need to be replaced. The correct answer: every 10 years.

As the official sponsor of [Fire Prevention Week](#), NFPA is promoting this year's campaign theme, "[Don't Wait - Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years.](#)" to better educate the public about this potentially life-saving message.

"While the public generally knows that smoke alarms play an important role in home fire safety, some smoke alarm messages are not as well understood," says Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy for NFPA. "Not knowing how often smoke alarms need to be replaced - or that they even have an expiration date - are among them."

According to Carli, that lack of awareness means some U.S. homes may have smoke alarms that have outlasted their full functionality, putting people at increased risk in the event of a home fire. NFPA statistics show that three out of five U.S. home fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarms or no working alarms.

Key Survey Findings:

- Half of Americans (50 percent) have three or more smoke alarms in their current home
- Almost one in five Americans who have smoke alarms (19 percent) say the oldest smoke alarm they currently have in their home is 10+ years old
- Nearly one in five Americans who have smoke alarms (18 percent) are not at all sure how old the oldest smoke alarm they currently have in their home is
- When asked how often they should replace smoke alarms, nine in 10 Americans (90 percent) did not select the correct answer, which is once every 10 years

"Working smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in a home fire in half," said Carli. "That's why it's so important to make sure they're working properly."

A smoke alarm's age can be determined by looking on the back or side of the smoke alarm, where the date of manufacture can be found. Smoke alarms should be replaced 10 years from that date (*not* the date of purchase or installation). In addition, smoke alarms should be tested monthly, and batteries should be replaced when they begin to chirp, signaling that they're running low.

Fire departments throughout the U.S. and Canada play a key role in making Fire Prevention Week an annual success by implementing the campaign in their communities; departments throughout North America will be hosting open houses and other local events throughout the week of October 9-15.

For more information on smoke alarms and this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, visit www.firepreventionweek.org.

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