



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

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**1. 2016 SERC Conference – November 18th**

The 2016 State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Conference will be held on Friday, November 18, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford. Registration begins at 8 a.m. **Approved for 5.5 Fire Marshal Credits.**

Please see the attached flyer for conference details and registration. Registration for this **free** program, lunch included may be faxed or mailed to the CT Fire Academy (860) 654-1889.

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**2. 2016 Seminar Series – Responding to and Preventing Acts of Violence**

Friday December 2, 2016 @ CFA – Course # 17037 - \$55.00 Lunch included

Speaker – Lt. Steven Hamilton, Fort Jackson Fire and Emergency Services, South Carolina

Description:

This presentation discusses fire service response to all aspects of violent scenes--single-company response to a victim of domestic violence through to the multiagency active shooter response. Elements of terrorism response are evaluated. Various scenarios are covered: violence, terrorism, active shooter, mass shootings, domestic violence, and suicide by secondary means. Covered are pre-incident planning, policies and procedures for response to such incidents, case history analysis, as well as reporting and documenting violent incidents involving responders. Statistical data are examined to support the hidden dangers emergency responders face at violent incidents.

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### **3. Limited Edition Firefighter Graphic Snowboard to Benefit the NFFF**

Never Summer Industries, a Colorado based snowboard and longboard company is offering a limited edition snowboard to honor firefighters across the world. This limited edition firefighter graphic snowboard and custom Spyder Co. knife, are made in Colorado. Proceeds from this program are directly donated to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. This board (See Attached) is created for firefighters, by firefighters. Anyone who is interested in ordering the board should email [info@neversummer.com](mailto:info@neversummer.com) with a picture of your FD ID card or other proof that you are involved in fire service. Once the picture of proof is received, we will send out specific online ordering information including links and passwords.

The board itself is the West model, a versatile, playful all mountain board offered in a 154, 156, 159, and 160X (wide) for sizes (all measured in centimeters).

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### **4. Hydrogen Safety Training for First Responders**

The Connecticut Fire Academy will host a Hydrogen Safety Training for First Responders program presented by the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory on Thursday, November 10, 2016 at the CT Fire Academy from 8:30 a.m. to Noon. Hydrogen fuel cell vehicles and support infrastructure is anticipated to arrive in Connecticut and neighboring states in the spring of 2017. The program will include 3 hour classroom lecture followed by an inspection of a Fuel Cell Vehicle. To register for this **Free** program email Kim Taylor, CFA Registrar at [Kim.Taylor@CT.GOV](mailto:Kim.Taylor@CT.GOV) or call (860) 264-9238. Provide your name, affiliation and email address. **3 FM Credits Approved**

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### **5. Invitation to the Dedication of the Farmington and Avon Live Fire Training Facility**

1pm on Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup> 2016, Round Hill Road, Farmington, CT  
RSVP to Mary-Ellen Harper, Director of Fire & Rescue Services, Town of Farmington

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### **6. A Benefit Seminar for Torrington Deputy Fire Chief Chris Pepler - Digital Imagery & Social Media**

**Registration is open till midnight tonight - Tuesday 11/1. Late registrations cannot be accepted.**

Online Registration: <http://pepler.ezregister.com>

This seminar has been approved by the Office of the Connecticut State Fire Marshal for 5 Continuing Education Credits.

Digital Imagery & Social Media have been both a blessing and a curse for the fire service, but one thing is undeniable: despite the problems digital imagery and social media are here to stay. The law that applies to

social media has been evolving and continues to evolve, with new cases and considerations arising daily. This program focuses on the latest digital imagery and social media cases affecting the fire service, and the lessons learned for fire departments and firefighters.

Thursday, 11/10/16 8:30AM-4:30PM

Farmington Gardens, 999 Farmington Avenue, Farmington, CT

***Tickets are \$75 each. Lunch is included.***

All proceeds from this event will benefit Torrington Deputy Fire Chief Christopher Pepler, who has been courageously battling cancer for the past year. Chief Pepler has become an outspoken advocate for fire fighters to take steps to protect themselves from being exposed to known carcinogens. East Hartford Fire Chief John Oates will open the morning seminar with a presentation on Fire Fighter Cancer Prevention.

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## **7. Q Endorsement Train-the-Trainer**

The Connecticut Fire Academy is hosting two Q Endorsement Train-the-Trainer classes. Dates are November 5th from 9:00AM to 12:00PM and 1:00PM to 3:00PM at the CT Fire Academy.

Registration is limited to 25 for each session. Email Ken Hanks at [ken.hanks@ct.gov](mailto:ken.hanks@ct.gov) to register. There is no cost for this class.

The program will incorporate an overview of the Q Endorsement instructional program and a review of the static course testing. Instructional materials for the local delivery of the class will be available and handed-off. Completion of these or a previous Q Endorsement Train the Trainer program is required for eligibility to serve as a DMV Commissioner's Designee for testing purposes.

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