



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

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1. Employment Opportunity – Fire Chief – Cromwell Fire District

The Cromwell Fire District is accepting resumes for the position of Fire Chief. Interested applicants can send their qualifications to:

info@cromwellfd.com

or they can mail them to:

Cromwell Fire District
C/O Michael Dagostino, Executive Director
1 West Street
Cromwell, CT 06416

The resumes and qualifications are due by the end of business June 1, 2016.

2. CT EMS Expo - Golf Tournament

The CT EMS Expo is conducting their second annual golf tournament. It is Thursday, June 2, 2016 at Mohegan Sun Country Club with a shotgun start at 9:00am.

At this point we are 10 days away from the early bird registration period ending. Last year's event was a great success and we need your help to see the same success. We have give-aways, plenty of food, 50+ raffles items, and awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

Please use the following link to get to our registration page:

<http://www.ctemsexpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/2016-Golf-Registration-Form-early-bird.pdf>

We'd really appreciate your support. If you're not able to play but know of others that maybe interested please feel free to 'forward' this information on to them. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

Respectfully,
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3. CT EMS Expo

CT EMS Expo, offers learning opportunities and educational options designed to give EMS professionals and those that serve the industry, tools to succeed in the future.

This event takes place at the Mohegan Sun Convention Center, where attendees will get a one-stop shopping experience that covers all their technology and educational needs.

To learn more and register for the 2016 CT EMS Expo, visit www.ctemsexpo.org

4. Volunteers looking for Career Jobs? Training Required

Many Career Departments are looking to hire Firefighters that are already trained and ready to go to work. Most of these departments require **Completion of the Recruit Firefighter Program** at the Connecticut Fire Academy and **Emergency Medical Technician**.

The Connecticut Fire Academy runs two (2) Recruit Programs a year and now wants to run EMT between recruit classes ... ***One Stop Training***

Seats Available:

Emergency Medical Technician at the Connecticut Fire Academy May 31, 2016 through July 12, 2016

This class will be four days a week with the exception of the first week of July off.

An Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) is a person that has received training to render care to the sick and injured. The job of an EMT, will present you with numerous challenges in a variety of both emergency

and nonemergency situations. This course meets the newest National EMS Educational Standards and is designed with both cognitive and practical skill applications. Students will be required to complete all necessary course work including internship with an Ambulance and/or Hospital Emergency Room. Prior to conducting internships proof of immunization is required. Minimum age with parental permission is 16 years of age. Once meeting the necessary course requirements, students shall be allowed to sit for the state practical and written examinations. Those under 18 will be CT certified only ... all others will be Nationally certified.

Class hours: 148

CFA Course Number: **16260**

Course fee: **\$ 800.00**

Tuition includes Text, BP Cuff, Stethoscope.

Does Not Include Fee for National Registry Testing

5. FirstNet Public Meeting Notice - May 25, 2016 - New Haven Public Library

FirstNet Public Meeting Notice: Wednesday, May 25, 2016 from 4:00pm-8pm; New Haven Public Library, Ives Main Branch, 133 Elm Street, New Haven CT 06510

Subject: FirstNet Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement - East Region (Connecticut)

FirstNet is the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Wireless Network and will be designed to provide a secure high speed wireless broadband network dedicated to our First Responder community and support entities. The secure, resilient, "Public Safety Grade" system will operate on its own spectrum and both urban and rural areas are required to implement this initiative by the federal law which established the First Responder Network Authority. The FirstNet system gives State/Local entities the quality of service and control over priority and preemption if the network become over taxed.

- This technology will support present and future uses, including but not limited to:
 - o Access to building floor plans
 - o Data
 - o Public Safety Applications (to be developed)
 - o Automated Vehicle Locators (AVL)
 - o Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD)
 - o Situational awareness and information sharing
 - o Cellular on Wheels (COW) – mobile units for areas of limited coverage
 - o Systems on Wheels (SOW) - mobile units for areas of limited coverage
 - o Vehicle Network Systems (NVS) - mobile units for areas of limited coverage
 - o Live streaming of high quality video from active incidents to command posts, emergency operation centers and patient care facilities

The purpose of this e-mail is to inform you of the Public Meeting to be held in CT to discuss the availability of the electronic copy of the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for the East region (CT, DE, DC, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT, VA, and WV).

The Draft PEIS analyzes potential impacts of the deployment and operation of the nationwide public safety broadband network (NPSBN) on the natural and human environment, in accordance with FirstNet's responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This will give you additional time to review and provide feedback in advance of the 60-day public comment period required by NEPA. The document is currently available for download at the following file transfer protocol (FTP) site for your review:

<https://filetransfer.bah.com/fcweb/jsp/downloadFiles.jsp?1006=1461956031006>

Tracking Number: WQ60E92BP0HB99Q0

PIN: 793657

Please feel free to provide feedback during the public comment period which ends on July 6, 2016 through www.regulations.gov, FIRSTNET-2016-0002 or through:

First Responder Network Authority
Attn: Amanda Goebel Pereira
12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, M/S 243
Reston, VA 20192

Hope to see you in New Haven. If you have any questions regarding the State of Connecticut's partnership with FirstNet, please email CTFirstNet@ct.gov

6. Firefighter Near Miss Report of the Week

Firefighter Barely Escapes Floor Collapse at Fire

SUMMARY

With interior fire crews unable to control an apartment fire, the incident commander orders an evacuation. Seconds after the last firefighter climbs out onto the egress ladder, the fire floor collapses.

EVENT DESCRIPTION

Multiple companies responded to a two-story condominium building for a fire in one of the apartments. The incident commander (IC) had the second-due engine throw a ladder to a second-floor balcony to make a fire attack into the apartment via a window.

The nozzle firefighter entered and advanced while the officer stayed at the window. They immediately encountered a heavy volume of fire and smoke with low visibility. The IC radioed the firefighter to flow water into the room to the left of his current room, and he swung the nozzle around to do so. Due to worsening visibility, the firefighter couldn't tell there was a wall blocking the reach of the hose stream. During these few minutes inside the apartment it was becoming hotter and more difficult to get ahead of the fire.

It was at this point that the nozzle firefighter heard the evacuation siren, as well as an order to evacuate the building over the radio. He immediately started to exit the apartment through the window and down the

ladder, and he heard firefighters on the ground yelling at him to hurry up. When he was about halfway down the ladder, the floor of the apartment he had been in collapsed into the first floor.

[Go to the report: Condo Structure Fire with Second Floor Collapse](#)

TAKE-AWAYS

The nozzle firefighter wrote that had the IC not made the call to evacuate, and had he not listened to it, he would have been inside the apartment during the floor collapse. The IC clearly made the right decision to pull crews out of the building, and he wisely communicated that decision using multiple means. By having radios on the correct channels, the interior firefighters were able to hear the order.

It would be interesting to know what signs the incident commander saw that caused him to order the evacuation. Unfortunately, the original report to Near Miss doesn't have the IC's point of view, but we can review some of the common indicators of structural weakness and collapse.

Two key factors to consider when assessing structural integrity are burn time and the inability to make progress on knocking a fire down. Unchecked fire can and will weaken structural members; in *Strategic and Tactical Considerations on the Fireground*, retired Philadelphia Deputy Fire Chief Jim P. Smith discusses how company and chief officers must keep how long the fire has been burning in the forefront of their minds. While we can't always know when the fire started, we have to think about how long structural components may have been directly impinged by fire, and understand that different building construction types are differently able to resist collapse during fires.

We also have to acknowledge that fires can be beyond the control of handlines, a key sign that interior crews should be withdrawn from the building.

Chief Smith also discusses physical indicators of structural weakness, such as:

- Spalling of brick and concrete
- Holes in walls
- New or expanding wall cracks
- Smoke pushing through walls or baseboards
- Spongy or saggy floors
- Sounds such as creaks and groans
- The presence of wall spreaders

DISCUSSION

- How quickly can lightweight building components fail if directly impinged by fire?
- How quickly can dimensional building components fail if directly impinged by fire?
- What other factors, besides fire, can weaken the integrity of a building?
- What are some other indicators of structural weakness?
- How does your department signal for evacuation?

LEADING PRACTICES

All firefighters must train to recognize signs of building weakness and collapse, and must feel capable of raising concerns to officers. If you see something, say something. Report any signs to the IC immediately.

Every riding position should have a personal radio, and it's imperative that every firefighter turn his or her radio to the correct channel for the incident.

If possible, have a designated safety officer on scene who can concentrate on any threats to firefighter safety. Establish a crew to serve as a rapid-intervention team.

All apparatus must be placed outside the collapse zone, which should be considered to be 100% of the building's height. If a building has been declared a collapse risk, remove all personnel immediately and don't allow any firefighters into the collapse zone for any reason.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

[Firehouse.com Article: Building Collapse Indicators](#)

7. Western Mass. Fire Chief's Association Annual Chief John Flaherty Golf Outing – May 20th

The Western Mass. Fire Chief's Association will hold their Annual Chief John Flaherty Golf Outing on Friday, May 20, 2016 at St. Anne Country Club, 781 shoemaker La in Feeding Hills. See the attached flyer for additional information.

8. June Fire School 2016 – 6 Classes Now Full – Get your Applications in Today

Engine Company Operations # 16414 Full

Forcible Entry # 16422 Full

Scott Air Pack # 16461 Full

Rescue Skills # 16432 Full

Truck Work # 16450 Full

The application period for June School 2016 is now open and available on our web site <http://www.ct.gov/cfpc/cwp/view.asp?Q=579498&A=832> . This annual event will run from June 6th-11th on the main campus of the Connecticut Fire Academy. New class offerings this year are Active Assailant Response, Bomb Squad Outreach, and Fire Dynamics and the Fire Ground. As with each year it is our priority to exceed expectations for quality, value, and customer satisfaction. Applications are due on May 26th. Class registration is first come, first serve until a course is filled. Revised application is also attached.

For further information on specific classes or other June School related questions, please contact Program Manager Jason Decremer at 860-264-9242 or jason.decremer@ct.gov

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