



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

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- 1. CT Statewide Honor Guard Meeting **Tonight****

The next meeting of the CT Statewide Honor Guard will be May 19th at 7PM at the East Hartford Fire HQ, 31 School Street. The training element for this meeting will be Color Team/Flag Posting. Anyone who has an interest in Honor Guard activities and would like to learn more about who we are and what we do is welcome and encouraged to join us on May 19th at 7PM. Additionally you are encouraged to visit our website at [www.cthg.org](http://www.cthg.org).

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- 2. CT Fire Chiefs Association May Meeting Notice**

The May meeting of the Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association will be held on May 24, 2016 at the Gallery Restaurant 141 New London Turnpike Glastonbury, CT. Social hour 6 p.m. with dinner and meeting to follow at 7 p.m. The educational program will be a presentation by Jeffrey Saltus from Connecticut OSHA. Jeffrey's presentation will provide an overview of CFR 1901.156 and will stress what you need to know as a Chief Officer. You must register by May 20, 2016 at 6:00, p.m. you may register online at [connecticutfirechiefs.com](http://connecticutfirechiefs.com) or by calling Rich McDonough at 860-628-5964.

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- 3. Suffield Firefighters Association – 5K Road Race**

**20<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K Road Race** in memory of Paul R. Simison Sunday June 5, 2016 9:00 a.m. Sponsored by the Suffield Firefighters Association. Brochure Attached

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#### 4. 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](http://www.ctemsexpo.org)

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#### 5. Safe Boaters Class

Sponsored by The Gardner Lake Authority Conducted by CT DEEP Boating Division, The Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company Inc. is hosting for the 18th year a Safe Boating Class July 12, July 14 & July 19 2016. contact via e-mail [command27@ymail.com](mailto:command27@ymail.com) to register

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#### 6. June School Classes 2016 Openings – Wednesday June 7<sup>th</sup>

**Apparatus Purchasing**

**Bomb Squad Outreach pm**

**EVOG**

**FBI & First Responder – WMD focus on Chemical Attacks am**

**Flashover Survival**

**Holmatro Rescue Equipment**

**It's All About the Brian am**

The application period for June School 2016 is now open and available on our web site [http://www.ct.gov/cfpc/cwp/view.as\\_p?Q=579498&A=832](http://www.ct.gov/cfpc/cwp/view.as_p?Q=579498&A=832) . This annual event will run from June 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup>. Class registration is first come, first serve until a course is filled.

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](mailto:jason.decremer@ct.gov)

**Engine Company Operations # 16414 Full**

**Forcible Entry # 16422 Full**

**Scott Air Pack # 16461 Full**

**Rescue Skills # 16432 Full**

**Truck Work # 16450 Full**

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## 7. Middlebury Fire Departments Golf Tournament Fundraiser

The Middlebury Fire Department is hosting its first Golf Tournament Fundraiser on June 24th at Western Hills Golf Course in Waterbury. 8 a.m. Shotgun Start-Scramble Format.  
Contact Brian @ (203)592-1952 for additional information.

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## 8. CT Firefighters, and Baseball Fans, it's that time of year again....

VFIS of Southern New England has a set of 4 – New York Yankee Baseball Tickets it is currently raffling off to the highest bidder – *All money raised will be donated to the “Connecticut Firefighters Memorial”*. Last year VFIS donated \$300 to the Memorial fund.

**New York Yankees vs Boston Red Sox**

**Sunday, July 17 – 8:05 pm**

Section: 312

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To enter a bid, please contact Jeff Rudzavice by e-mail ([jeffr@gowrie.com](mailto:jeffr@gowrie.com)) or by telephone (860-274-7601)

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## 9. Firefighter Near Miss Report of the Week

### **Firefighters Almost Come Under Fire at EMS Call**

#### **SUMMARY**

While firefighters worked a cardiac arrest from a fall inside a home, a paramedic went outside to get equipment from the ambulance. Out of the corner of his eye, he saw a man advancing down the driveway, aiming a rifle at the firefighters inside.

#### **EVENT DESCRIPTION**

A little after midnight, an engine company, medic unit and police officer responded to a rural area for a woman who was not breathing after falling down stairs at home. The firefighters and paramedics found a woman covered in blood and in cardiac arrest. They began CPR and applied defibrillator pads to the patient.

One of the paramedics went to retrieve equipment from the ambulance, and out of the corner of his eye, he saw a figure walking down the dark driveway toward the house. The man had a rifle aimed at the open front door, inside which the firefighters and paramedic were working.

The medic shouted about what he saw, and the police officer on scene exchanged shots with the man. Thankfully, the man with the rifle was the only person struck. A third paramedic arrived during the gunfire,

and the crews initiated patient care on the shooter while also continuing CPR on the woman.

At the hospital, emergency department staff discovered that the woman had been shot in the left side. The firefighters had missed the entry wound not only because the room was dark and the wound had some blood obscuring it, but because the defibrillator pad went directly over it. The patient succumbed to her injuries at the hospital.

[Go to the Report: Active Shooter on Medical Scene](#)

### **TAKE-AWAYS**

Clearly, this call could have ended in tragedy. The presence of police and the fortunate observation of the paramedic prevented the shooter from claiming additional victims. We thank the paramedic who took the time to report this event.

Near Miss doesn't know all the details of this event, including whether it was the shooter or another person who called 911. We're not sure why dispatch sent police to the call, but it was likely due to the caller reporting that the woman was not breathing after a trauma in the home. Dispatch's decision to send police protected the fire and rescue personnel on scene.

While the paramedic's observation of the shooter was due to luck, it demonstrates the value in having a crew member positioned at a distance from the work. From a different vantage point, a crew member can evaluate the entire scene for both opportunities and dangers.

Several fire and EMS agencies have begun training with local police on active-shooter scenarios and equipping their personnel with tourniquets and hemostatic agents. In some cases, agencies are providing body armor to supervisors and crews. While this topic requires much more space than we have here, we'll address some of the ways crews can stay safe in situations such as this one.

### **DISCUSSION**

- Is everyone on your crew aware of how to signal an emergency situation requiring police?
- When should you stage on an incident?
- How can your crew better protect itself on calls such as this one?
- Does your jurisdiction offer training on Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC)?

### **LEADING PRACTICES**

Every firefighter should have the means to signal an emergency or call for police. Ensure that every riding position has a radio and require personnel to use radios on calls.

If you sense a threat at any point after you're dispatched, request police be present. If necessary, stage a safe distance from the house until police have secured the scene.

If possible, have a crew member protect the means of egress from a call and survey the overall scene for any potential dangers. After a call is over, report any perceived threats to the chain of command and make sure that the dispatch center is aware of them for future calls.

Carry a small flashlight for medical calls so you can better inspect a patient and the scene itself.

Listing the best practices for active-shooter calls is beyond the scope of this report, but keep in mind that communication during such events will be different than regular fireground communication; practice communicating at low volumes, as loud speech might draw attention.

Consider the following training ideas:

- Emergency radio procedures
- Active-shooter scenarios / hemorrhage control
- Crew communication during active-shooter calls

Use EMS training scenarios to develop critical thinking and awareness. It's common for students to begin scenarios by either declaring, "The scene is safe," or asking evaluators, "Is the scene safe?" Instead, have the students think through the potential dangers by asking, "What hazards are you concerned about on this call?"

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