



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

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1. National Honor Guard Academy is Coming to CT

The NHGA is one of the premier honor guard training units in the country. This week long course is dedicated to developing and elevating the ceremonial knowledge and skill level of honor guard units while reinforcing a sense of pride and compassion by upholding honor guard traditions with precise attention to detail. The NHGA specializes in providing honor guard training to firefighters, police officers, and EMS personnel.

See attached for more information

2. Still Time to Win Free Steaks; Day of Registration Starts at 7am for Beat the Heat Walk/Run

Your department still has time to become One Innocent Life's Department of the Year and WIN FREE STEAKS. Just come down and register on the day of the event between 7am till 8am on Meeting House Ln in Woodbridge CT. Parking is available at Amity High School.

One Innocent Life has been working diligently to make our inaugural event one to remember. This event is working to build community and help make fire everyone's fight! Your help is need to share the attached contest with all firefighters throughout Connecticut. Beat the Heat is a 5k Walk | Run, hop skip or jump, just come and participate. The department that has the largest turnout will be named One Innocent Life's Department of the year, get a traveling trophy, and for all those who participated in the event from the winning department, get steaks delivered to their department. Looking forward to seeing you there.

3. 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”*. The current bid is \$300 – and we want to beat last year's donation of \$300 to the Memorial fund.

New York Yankees vs Boston Red Sox

Sunday, July 17 – 8:05 pm

Section: 312

Row: 2

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

4. NFPA Announces “Don't Wait: Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years” as Theme for 2016 Fire Prevention Week

The [National Fire Protection Association](#) (NFPA) today announced “[Don't Wait: Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years](#)” as the official theme for this year's [Fire Prevention Week](#) campaign, October 9-15, 2016. The focus on [smoke alarm replacement](#) comes as the result of a recent survey conducted by NFPA, which showed that only a small percentage of people know how old their smoke alarms are or how often they need to be replaced.

NFPA 72, [National Fire Alarm Code®](#), requires [smoke alarms](#) be replaced at least every 10 years, but because the public is generally unaware of this requirement, many homes likely have smoke alarms past their expiration date, putting people at increased risk in the event of a home fire.

“Smoke alarms play an essential role in home fire safety, but they have to be working properly in order to protect people,” said Lorraine Carli, vice president of NFPA's Outreach and Advocacy division. “This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign represents the final year of a three-year effort to better educate the public about the importance of smoke alarms, and what it takes to make sure they're in working order.”

According to an [NFPA report](#), in one-fifth (20 percent) of all U.S. homes with smoke alarms, the smoke alarms aren't working; three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without smoke alarms (38 percent) or with no working smoke alarms (21 percent).

“People tend to assume that simply having smoke alarms in their home ensures adequate protection from fires, but it takes regular testing and maintenance to ensure that that's the case,” said Carli. “Part of that effort is making sure you know how old the smoke alarms in your home are, and that they're replaced every 10 years.” Carli notes that the age of a smoke alarm can be determined by looking for the date of manufacture on the back or side of the alarm, and to replace the units 10 years from that date.

NFPA has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years. For more information on this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Don't Wait: Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years," visit www.firepreventionweek.org.

5. IFSTA Seeking Validation Committee Members

IFSTA is currently seeking members for one new committee that will begin their work at the 2017 IFSTA Winter meeting to be held in Oklahoma in January, 2017. The new committee will be:

• Marine Fire Fighting for Land-Based Fire Fighters, 3rd edition

Individuals with interest in this topic are encouraged to apply. Please fill out the attached application form and return it to IFSTA/FPP **no later than June 30, 2016**. All applicants will be notified of the disposition of their application on or around July 20, 2016. You may also fill out the application online at www.ifsta.org

6. Students Needed for NFA Health Care and EMS Course

The National Fire Academy is recruiting students for its mediated online course August 28 – September 24, 2016. The course, M0564 – Challenges for the Future III: Health Care and EMS, is a 4 week EMS/healthcare-focused mediated online course designed to explore the impact of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) and the evolution of healthcare systems have on their organizations. Students will evaluate the historical formation of modern EMS and the societal safety nets of Social Security and Medicare resulting in the current healthcare system. They will evaluate the impact that PPACA has on the emergency services system. Finally, students will evaluate the impact that the PPACA has on the workforce, and consider the implications healthcare innovations will have on their organizations.

The primary audience for this course will include (but not be limited to) experienced company officers and new chief officers. The secondary audience may be personnel who are involved in the strategic planning process.

Interested applicants should submit FEMA Form 119-25-1, General Admissions Application available for download from <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/training/nfa/admissions/apply.html> Complete the form, scan it and email it to netcadmissions@fema.dhs.gov or fax it to 301-447-1441. The application period will close **July 1, 2016**.

If you do not have a Student ID (SID) number, you can get one by registering at: <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/training/nfa/admissions/apply.html>.

When you are filling out your application, use M0564 – Challenges for the Future III: Health Care and EMS for the title.

For details on this course including course requirements, please view the course syllabus at: http://nfa.usfa.fema.gov/misc/M0564_Syllabus_Aug_2016.pdf

You will be notified of your acceptance or rejection to this course via email from the NETC Admissions Office.

7. Wolcott State Fire School Fall 2016 FF-2 Program

The Wolcott State Fire Training School is presenting a Firefighter 2 course beginning Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at their facility in Wolcott, CT. Class cost is \$650. See the attached flyer and registration form or visit www.wolcottfireschool.com. Questions may be directed to school Director Steve Veneziano, at wfsdirector@aol.com or 203-592-0624

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