



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

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- 1. Q Endorsement Train-the-Trainer**

The Norwalk Fire Department is hosting four Q Endorsement Train-the-Trainer classes. Dates are July 6, 7, 8, and 9 from 0900 to 1200 at Norwalk Fire HQ. Registration is limited to 10 each day. Email Ken Hanks at 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.

- 2. CFA Bookstore News**

It's that time of year again. We are off to the 2016 New England Fire Chief's Show at Foxwoods. The Connecticut Fire Academy will be in Booths # 908 & 909, which are situated in the lobby. Please stop by and say hello!!!. The bookstore will be closed on Thursday, June 23rd, Friday, June 24th and Saturday, June 25th.

See you at the show!
Thanks, Pam & Karen

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The New Haven County Fire Emergency Plan will hold its June meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at Dunbar Hill Fire Company #8 420 Dunbar Hill Road in Hamden. A WTNH Meteorologist will present a program with their Mobile Weather Lab. The meeting will also feature their annual Strawberry Festival.

4. Connecticut Fire Academy Lost & Found

For an up-to-date listing of items found at either the Connecticut Fire Academy in Windsor Locks or the CFA CPAT Center in Meriden please visit: <http://www.ct.gov/cfpc/cwp/view.asp?a=889&q=246692>

Items will be held for 90 days then donated or disposed of accordingly.

5. Safety Stand Down – June 19-25

The International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) have announced the theme for the **2016 Safety Stand Down**: “The First 5 Minutes – Stretching the Initial Hose Line, Putting Water on the Fire.” This year’s theme focuses on what each member of the department should be doing in the first five minutes of structural fire response, including the Chief, Incident Commander, Company Officer, and Firefighter.

The 2016 event will take place from June 19-25. Fire departments are encouraged to suspend all non-emergency activity during Safety Stand Down in order to focus on training and education related to this year’s theme. An entire week is provided to ensure all shifts and duty crew can participate.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, 64 firefighters died in 2014 while on duty in the U.S. This was a significant decrease from the 97 deaths that occurred in 2013, when three incidents alone claimed 32 lives. The largest share of deaths (22) occurred at fire scenes. As in most years, sudden cardiac death accounted for the largest share of the on-duty deaths (36). In 2014, 63,350 firefighter injuries were reported. Of these, 27,015 were injuries at the fireground. **Safety Stand Down** is coordinated by the NVFC and the IAFC Safety, Health and Survival Section. It is supported by national and international fire and emergency service organizations as well as health and safety-related organizations and agencies.

Training Safety Topics are provided to ensure each shift and duty crew can spend quality time reviewing the topic and make it an actionable training event. **Resources are available** to help fire departments plan and execute local training and activities. Resources include the NVFC’s B.E.S.T. Practices for Firefighter Health and Safety and the IAFC’s Rules of Engagement for Firefighter Survival and the Incident Commander’s Rules of Engagement for Firefighter Safety. Specific training drills and messaging to implement during the week will be available soon.

Originally called International Fire/EMS Safety and Health Week, Safety Stand Down is the unification of the IAFC’s Fire/EMS Safety, Health and Survival Week with the NVFC’s National Firefighter Health Week. Safety Stand Down focuses on the critical importance of responders taking care of themselves both on and off the emergency incident scene. The week is designed to increase awareness and action so that safety and

health become a priority in all fire departments. The name was changed to Safety Stand Down in 2016 to emphasize that all departments should focus on safety training during the week.

Learn more at www.SafetyStandDown.org.

6. Certification Corner - Examination Accommodations

Information for Lead Instructors and Training Officers regarding testing accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The Commission on Fire Prevention and Control's Certification Unit offers accommodation for Firefighter 1, Firefighter 2, Hazardous Materials Awareness, and Hazardous Materials Operational *written examinations only*. The student must contact the Director of Certification, in writing, prior to the certification examination to request accommodation. ADA examinations are only offered Mon-Fri at the Connecticut Fire Academy, during normal business hours. The request should be made by the student at the beginning of class to allow for processing necessary paperwork. All conversations regarding accommodation are confidential. Do not act on the student's behalf by sending paperwork, letters from physicians/clinicians, etc. Accommodation granted for certification testing does not apply to any accommodation by the training entity. Accommodation does not extend the 12-month testing period for testing (CSR 7-3231). DO NOT advise the student to try testing with the class before requesting accommodation. Remember accommodation for testing is designed to "level the playing field" for the requester. When in doubt, call the Commission's Certification Unit at 860-264-9225.

7. Previous Listserv Messages

To see some of the previous CFPC Listserv Messages, please go to the Commission on Fire Prevention & Control website, under Contact us, or follow this link <http://www.ct.gov/cfpc/cwp/view.asp?a=889&q=246692>.

If you don't see the information you are looking for please contact jeff.morrisette@ct.gov or kara.ouellette@ct.gov

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