



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

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**1. June Fire School – Don't Wait there is Still Time to Sign up for Some Classes**

As of today a few classes have canceled  
AHA Healthcare Provider  
Photovoltaic Safety for Firefighters  
Driving Simulator  
Incident Management Team

**Applications still being accepted please fax or mail your application today.**

The application period for June School 2016 is still 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.

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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### **2. Ray McCormack Seminar, NLFF's Burn foundation**

Sign up ends MONDAY JUNE 6th!!! Don't miss this great opportunity!

New London Firefighters Burn Foundation seminar Featuring Ray McCormack. The seminar will include The Effective and Efficient Engine company and also Lines and Ladders Leadership.

Come see LT Ray McCormack and support NLFF Burn Foundation.

For online registration follow link <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-seminar-with-fdny-lt-ray-mccormack-presented-by-nlffs-burn-foundation-tickets-24350356572>

To send Purchase Orders contact Michael Leonard @ [mten59@icloud.com](mailto:mten59@icloud.com)

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### **3. CAMUR TOOL, LLC**

**CAMUR TOOL, LLC.** will be at the **Connecticut Fire Academy** from June 6-10 for "**June School**". A booth with information and demonstration will be provided in the cafeteria for anyone interested in seeing how this new firefighting tool is used. As a thank you to my customers, I will "rewrap" your previously purchased CAMUR TOOL with new paracord free of charge. All reviews of its performance over the last year are welcomed. 100% USA made. [www.camurtool.com](http://www.camurtool.com)

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### **4. Employment Opportunity - Firefighter/Paramedic AND Firefighter/EMT –Town of Wallingford**

The Town of Wallingford is currently accepting applications for **Firefighter/Paramedic and Firefighter/EMT**. Applicants must have a valid CPAT card issued within 1 yr. prior to June 20, 2016, HS diploma/GED, valid driver's license and hold a valid EMS License applicable to the level/position applying for, which must meet CT State Regulations. Copies of licenses/certifications must be submitted with application materials. The Town of Wallingford offers a competitive pay rate \$51,964.64 to \$66,994.72 annually. In addition, there is a \$4,200 annual paramedic bonus **or** a \$1,700 annual EMT Bonus, plus an excellent fringe benefit package. Application deadline is June 20, 2016 or the date the 100th application for each position is received, whichever occurs first. Apply: Personnel Department, Town of Wallingford, 45 South Main St., Wallingford, CT. phone: (203) 294-2080; fax: (203) 294-2084. EOE.

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### **5. June School 2016 – Seminar Thermal Imaging and Modern Fire Dynamics – Friday June 10<sup>th</sup>**

Correction: The Seminar Series class on Thermal Imaging and Modern Fire Dynamics to Improve Operations is a full day class. Hours are 8:30-4:30. The class was incorrectly listed as a half-day in the June School brochure.

For 2016 the very popular Connecticut Fire Academy Seminar Series continues to bring nationally known fire service presenters to Connecticut speaking on current and engaging fire service topics.

The next scheduled Seminar Series titled *Using Thermal Imaging and Modern Fire Dynamics to Improve Fireground Operations* is scheduled for Friday, June 10, 2016. Registration begins at 0800; the class is scheduled from 0830 to 1630 at the Connecticut Fire Academy. The course number is 16300 and the course fee is \$55.00 with lunch included.

The seminar will be presented by Mike Richardson, currently the Division Chief of Training & Safety for the East Jefferson County Fire Protection Districts in Louisville, KY.

In this seminar the speaker will focus on providing fire personnel at all levels with the knowledge they need to combine thermal imaging technology with the latest NIST and UL firefighting research to improve the effectiveness and safety of fireground operations. This will include the review of a large number of thermal imaging photos and videos from fireground operations where key concepts such as vent limited fire behavior, compromised structural integrity, flow path development, and victim survival profiling were in play. Firefighters will ultimately be able to apply thermal imaging in fireground operations with an understanding of both the capabilities and limitations.

Mike Richardson has also taught firefighters in over 38 U.S. States and 8 Countries..

This seminar is appropriate for students of all ranks in the Fire Service.

Don't miss this very informative presentation.

<http://www.ct.gov/cfpc/cwp/view.asp?Q=516554&A=832>

### **Flyer Friday, June 10, 2016 Seminar Series**

You can attend any one or all of the seminars.  
Completed applications should be submitted to the:  
Connecticut Fire Academy Training Registrar  
34 Perimeter Road  
Windsor Locks, CT 06096  
fax 860-654-1889

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### **6. Entry Level Firefighter Exam an Interview Prep**

Bill Peltz will teach the Firefighter Written Examination Prep course at Norwalk Community College. It consists of 6 weekly two-hour sessions at 7 PM, starting on 6/16/16. The course covers everything from

building a resume to acing the interview; every type of test question, including math and mechanical aptitude; and test-taking and score-improving strategies. To register, go to [www.norwalk.edu](http://www.norwalk.edu) and use the Flexible Registration Link.

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## **7. Firefighter Near Miss Report of the Week**

### **Engine Crew Fights Basement Fire Alone**

#### **SUMMARY**

A single engine crew discovers a fire in the basement of a house, and the officer leads an interior attack. The officer doesn't call for additional units until the engine's water tank is almost empty.

#### **EVENT DESCRIPTION**

A three-person engine company was dispatched for a report of a house on fire. With nothing showing on arrival, the officer and firefighter investigated and found a fire in the basement. The officer had the driver-operator pull a 200' pre-connected hoseline, and the officer and firefighter entered the building to make an offensive attack. After four or five minutes, the driver-operator radioed the officer and told him they should exit the building as the engine's water tank was almost empty.

At this point the officer radioed to request additional units to the scene, and the driver-operator pulled supply line to a hydrant two blocks away to establish a water supply. Combined crews extinguished the fire with minimal property damage.

[Go here to view the report: Lack of Water Puts Attack Crew at Risk.](#)

#### **TAKE-AWAYS**

We don't have all of the details of this event, but we will start with the dispatch that sent one engine to a report of house fire. It is possible that the dispatcher had reason to believe that the fire was already out, or that the report was false, and only sent a single engine to investigate.

Clearly, the officer should have immediately called for additional resources when the crew discovered the fire. The crew member who made this report said the officer forgot to make that request, and focused on making a fire attack. Attempting to fight a house fire without a full first alarm assignment is not only incredibly dangerous, but also runs a high risk of failure. Fortunately for the interior crew in this event, the driver-operator closely monitored the water supply and told them when to exit. However, not only did they not have firefighters on the way to help establish a water supply, they didn't have firefighters en route who could deploy a backup line, search, ventilate, control utilities, or form a rapid intervention team. They also lacked a command officer and a safety officer.

We often mention the technique and culture of Crew Resource Management (CRM) in Reports of the Week, and this event is a great example of why CRM is so important. Basically, CRM states that while the officer is the decision-maker of a crew, all members have the right and responsibility to voice concerns and bring information to the officer's attention. Firefighters must be able to speak up on safety issues without fear, and remind officers if they forget something critical. Officers should encourage their firefighters to ask questions

or make suggestions when they believe something is wrong. To be successful on those calls when it is most needed, crews should utilize CRM on all calls.

This event raises several other important topics, which we address in the discussion questions.

## **DISCUSSION**

- What can fire departments do to help crews adopt CRM?
- What are your considerations for making an offensive attack when additional units are far behind?
- What is Needed Fire Flow, and how do you calculate it for a structure?
- What examples of miscommunication can you remember during your career that make good lessons for discussion?
- What are your tactics for basement fires in ordinary construction? Wood-frame with dimensional lumber? Light weight wood-frame?

## **LEADING PRACTICES**

If an investigating crew discovers an active fire in a building or smoke showing, immediately radio to dispatch and request additional resources. Discuss with your dispatchers whether they will automatically add resources upon such a report, or if they will at least prompt an officer to request them. Dispatchers should also check in with the Incident Commander at set time intervals.

Crews must establish a water supply on working fires, and driver-operators must monitor both tank supply and hydrant pressure. Any change in water supply must be communicated to attack crews.

All essential fireground functions must be completed; if staffing is limited, crews must try to safely perform multiple tasks. However, if the necessary tasks cannot be done, officers must adjust their tactics for safety.

Learn about Crew Resource Management and use it during calls and training drills. Discuss ways that officers and crew members can improve how they communicate with each other.

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## **8. Seymour Ambulance Association EMT-Basic Course**

Seymour Ambulance Association will be holding an EMT-Basic class beginning Tuesday, June 21, 2016 running through Thursday, October 6, 2016. The class will meet on Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00pm – 10:00pm with 3 Saturday classes. All class sessions will be held at Seymour Ambulance Association, 4 Wakeley Street Seymour. The cost of the course includes text, access to online course navigate, uniforms and online test prep. For more information or to register visit our web site at [www.seymouremms.org/training](http://www.seymouremms.org/training) or contact Lea Zwally (203) 888-8843 Ext4.

Seymour Ambulance Association will also be holding a EMT/EMR refresher class. 6/17-6/20. Hours of the class are: Friday 6pm to 10pm, Saturday/Sunday 8am to 4pm and Monday 6pm to 10pm. The cost of the course is \$200. For more information or to register visit our web site at [www.seymouremms.org/training](http://www.seymouremms.org/training) or contact Lea Zwally (203) 888-8843 Ext4.

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**9. SWFD Retirement - D/C Jay Knipple - 45 Years!**

The South Windsor Fire Department will be celebrating the retirement of long time Deputy Chief JAY KNIPPLE (Car 16) after over 45 years of extreme dedication to the SWFD and SW Community. Please see the attached flyer...PLEASE forward, share, post to your membership.

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