



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

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- 1. Wake and Funeral Arrangements for East Granby Fire Chief Peter Ahlstrin**

**Details of Services**

**Wake** – Tuesday, 07/19, 4-8pm

**Carmon Community Funeral Home**

807 Bloomfield Ave.  
Windsor, CT 06095

**Funeral** – Wednesday, 07/20 10am

**St Gabriel's Church**

379 Broad St  
Windsor, CT 06095

**Burial -Riverside Cemetery**

102 East Street, Windsor

**Reception** - to follow burial at

**Knights of Columbus**

332 Elm St  
Windsor Locks, CT 06096  
All departments welcome

**No apparatus**

**Class A uniform requested**

**Bussing and parking info coming soon**

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## 2. CT Fire Chiefs Association July Meeting Notice

The July 26, 2016 meeting of the CT Fire Chiefs Association will be at the Portland Fire Department Co. 2 Picnic Grounds. This will be a combined meeting with the CSFA Irregulars Association. You must register by Friday July 22 at 6:00 p.m. You can register on line at [connecticutfirechiefs.com](http://connecticutfirechiefs.com) or by calling Richard McDonough at 860-628-5964.

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## 3. Fire Police Day of Training

The CT Fire Police Association, Day of training is August 13 2016. Registration is 8:00. Class will start at 9:00 to 13:00. We will be going over Fire Police Safety. Training will be held at Poquetanuck Fire House, #87 Ct 2A. Preston ct 06365. Space is limited so R.V.S.P. ([fp291chvfd@comcast.net](mailto:fp291chvfd@comcast.net)) There is no charge to Association member (if not a member you can join for a 10\$ at registration). We however are asking for a donation to off set the cost for Coffee and snacks. This will be a certificate for Training.

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## 4. IAFC VCOS Report from the Chairman

### Recruitment and Retention

Do you have any unique recruitment or retention techniques that have worked well for your department? Let us know! We would love to feature your department in the [National Volunteer Workforce Solutions campaign](#). Please contact [Lexie Coulson](#) for more information!

### Cancer Registry

There seems to be an overall higher risk for cancer among firefighters. For some types of cancer, the risk relative to the general population can be 229% higher. However, more comprehensive research is needed to determine what factors are causing this increased cancer risk and how to prevent it.

To facilitate this research, Representatives Richard Hanna (R-N.Y.) and Bill Pascrell (D-N.J.) and Senators Robert Menedez (D-N.J.) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Ark) introduced the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act (H.R. 4625/S.2799). This legislation would create an anonymous, voluntary cancer registry for firefighters at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The data would include important information about the firefighter's medical history, demographic information, number of incident responses and years in service, whether the firefighter was a volunteer firefighter, what other jobs the firefighter may have had and other risk factors. This registry's goal will be to help researchers reduce the occurrence of cancer in the fire and emergency service.

Please ask your representatives and senators to support this legislation!

### Fire-Rescue International

The VCOS annual meeting will be held at FRI in San Antonio on Thursday, August 18, 1:30-3PM, in room 205 of the convention center. Come hear about the latest VCOS initiatives and the impact VCOS and its members are making everywhere.

Make sure to stop by the VCOS table in the IAFC Pavilion: booth #26079. Pick up copies of the various VCOS resources and talk to VCOS board members.

Come participate in these free volunteer-related mini-sessions on the expo show floor in [the Learning Lab](#) (booth #32023) on Friday, August 19:

- Are You Ready for the Prime Time? Higher Standards for a Higher Calling (2:40-2:55 PM)
- Leadership and Employee Collaboration (3-3:15 PM)
- Recruitment and Retention Tips (3:20-3:35 PM)

### Symposium in the Sun

Symposium in the Sun offers leadership training to help you address the unique needs of volunteer leadership in your department. The networking opportunities give you the chance to share ideas and solutions with colleagues from far and wide. Join us November 10–13 in Clearwater Beach, Fla.! This conference has *sold out* in the past, so [register today](#).

### VCOS Awards Presented at Symposium in the Sun

It's time to think about those people whose efforts you've appreciated all these years and who deserve recognition for their successes. Go to the [VCOS Awards page](#) for details on the awards and read about past winners.

This year's winners will have travel expenses paid by the award sponsor to attend [Symposium in the Sun](#) in November and will receive complimentary conference registration from VCOS. The application deadline is *August 31*, so don't miss your opportunity!

[The John M. Buckman III Award](#), sponsored by Provident Insurance, is given to a chief officer or a volunteer or combination department who demonstrates exemplary leadership, integrity and outstanding moral values.

[The Illness & Injury Prevention Award](#), sponsored by VFIS, is designed to support the NFFF and USFA initiatives to reduce firefighter injuries and illness. It recognizes success and excellence in developing an implementing and injury or illness prevention program or a vehicle-safety program.

[The Retention and Recruitment Award](#), sponsored by VFIS recognizes success and excellence in the retention and recruitment of emergency-service organization members.

[There are also scholarships available to Symposium in the Sun](#). Two scholarships are sponsored by VCOS, and the Emerging Leader Scholarship is sponsored by The Gasaway Consulting Group, LLC.

Thanks to the following companies for donating prizes to the Symposium in the Sun raffle:

[Air One](#) - Evolution 6000 Thermal Imaging Camera from MSA (value = \$7,500)

[Task Force Tips](#) - [Blitzfire Package](#) (value = \$4,595)

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## 5. Special CPAT Sessions

Connecticut Fire Academy is offering two special sessions of CPAT this Summer. Candidates that register to attend will take CPAT under test conditions. Those that successfully pass will receive a CPAT completion certificate.

Registration is limited to 50 candidates per session. The two special sessions will take place on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and August 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8am. The Registration fee is \$100 for each session.

Please use the following link to register for the Special Sessions: <https://ctlms.ct.gov/Saba/Web/Main> All those interested must use the online system.

The CFA is not accepting registrations for the special CPAT sessions over the phone, faxed, or mailed applications.

The regular Fall session of CPAT is also accepting applications thru July 21<sup>st</sup>. Registration for the Fall CPAT sessions are not connected with the two special sessions. For further information or questions, please contact CPAT Program Manager Jason Decremer at 860-264-9242 or [jason.decremer@ct.gov](mailto:jason.decremer@ct.gov)

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## 6. CPAT **Fall** Registration – Now Available Online

Connecticut Fire Academy is now accepting applications online for the 2016 Fall CPAT Session. Please use the following link to register: <https://ctlms.ct.gov/Saba/Web/Main>

**Registration for the Fall CPAT ends at the close of business on July 21, 2016.** We are accepting faxed and mailed applications for the Fall CPAT session. Registration fee is \$150.00. Please note that registration is also ongoing for the Special CPAT Sessions taking place on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and August 6<sup>th</sup>. These sessions are not connected with the Fall CPAT. For further information or questions, please contact CPAT Program Manager Jason Decremer at 860-264-9242 or [jason.decremer@ct.gov](mailto:jason.decremer@ct.gov)

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## 7. Employment Opportunity – Full Time Firefighter - Greenwich Fire Department

Interested applicants can learn more about this opportunity and apply online here:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/jobs/1472935/entry-level-firefighter/agency/greenwichct/apply>

<http://agency.governmentjobs.com/greenwichct/default.cfm>

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