



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

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- 1. 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>

- 2. CFA Bookstore News**

NEW EDITIONS FROM IFSTA NOW AVAILABLE IN THE BOOKSTORE

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION RELATED TO THE FIRE SERVICE, 4TH EDITION...\$70.00

This textbook match the course outline and objectives identified by the National Fire Academy's Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE) Program for the Building Construction for Fire Protection core course.

The 4th edition provides the learner with basic instruction about how buildings are designed and constructed, and how this relates to emergency operations. In addition to basic construction principles, a new emphasis is placed on firefighter safety, newer types of construction that may be difficult to identify, and green construction principles.

FIRE INSPECTION AND CODE ENFORCEMENT, 8TH EDITION...\$87.00

Fire Inspection and Code Enforcement, 8th Edition, provides fire and emergency services personnel and civilian inspectors with the basic information necessary to meet the job performance requirements (JPS'S) of NFPA 1031 for level I and Level II Fire Inspectors. Chapters are delineated with two clearly marked sections: the first section for Level I information followed by a Second section for Level II information.

FIRE PROTECTION, DETECTION, AND SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS, 5TH EDITION...\$80.00

The purpose of Fire Protection, Detection, and Suppression Systems, 5th Edition is to familiarize fire service members and other interested personnel with the components, design, maintenance, operation, testing, and inspection of common fire protection, detection, and suppression systems. This manual is not intended to substitute for training as a fire inspector or for personnel who design, maintain, and inspect such systems; however it can serve as a valuable resource for personnel engaged in these activities.

Thank-you
Pam and Karen
CFA Bookstore

3. Wanted – Used Fire Hose

Attn: Chiefs. Do you have used 2-1/2" fire hose that is excess to your needs and you are looking to dispose of? I am looking to purchase 3000' + of same for use by a contractor for construction site use for a reasonable price. Age not important as long as it will hold 100psi. Any quantity considered.

Please contact: Peter Beckwith - 860-646-4242
E-mail: tmfret@sbcglobal.net.

4. Tip-a-Firefighter for Hamden Professional Firefighters Local 2687

Upcoming Event:

Tip-a-Firefighter at Wood N Tap in Hamden.

Tuesday, July 12th. 11:30AM-close.

A portion of each check to be donated to Hamden Professional Firefighters Local 2687.

All proceeds to benefit Local 2687 and other local charities.

5. The CT Firemen's Historical Society Museum, Manchester

The CT Firemen's Historical Society was formed in 1971 to preserve and eventually display fire memorabilia and antique fire apparatus. Such items were collected and stored in various locations for many years. In late 1980, the Society was able to obtain a vacant 1901 firehouse in Manchester that had been closed for approximately 20 years and had been used by the Town of Manchester for storage. They subsequently signed a 99 year lease with Manchester, made major improvements to the interior and now have a variety of fire memorabilia and apparatus on display. This includes hand pumped apparatus, a 1862 hand pulled steamer, 1800's parade hose reels, a restored 1911 Hartford water tower, and a previously restored Manchester 1921 Ahrens Fox pumper. And this spring they placed on display on the apparatus floor a Manchester 1911

Seagrave pumper that was acquired from a collector in Georgia approximately 4 years ago and was completely restored by the diligent effort of board member Bill McInerney, a retired Middletown firefighter. Some of the permanent displays include helmets, speaking trumpets, buckets, lanterns, framed badge cases, paintings and photographs of CT's early fire service, and a restored 1907 Gamewell Fire Alarm Room, original to this firehouse.

The museum is located in the Cheney Historical District at 230 Pine Street, Manchester, CT. and is open 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM Friday and Saturday from the 2nd Saturday in April thru the 2nd Saturday in November. Group tours may be arranged at other times by calling Leonard Luzusky, Museum Manager at 8609-338-3192.

Come visit and enjoy the displays. Located a short distance from exit 2 of I-384.

6. Employment Opportunity – Firefighter/EMT – City of Groton

The City of Groton is seeking to hire one (1) qualified candidate for the position of Firefighter/EMT. High school diploma or equivalent. Education and certifications addressed in the position description (CT Firefighter 1 and a basic CT Emergency Medical Technician certification) are required at time of application.

The candidate must possess a valid Candidate Physical Abilities Test Card (CPAT) earned within twelve months prior to job offer. The starting salary is \$44,965.37 plus full benefit package.

Pre-employment physical exam including drug screen, lifting evaluation, psychological, physical and references are required.

Applications and position description can be downloaded at www.cityofgroton.com or obtained in person at the Groton Utilities Customer Service Division.

Submit application with copies of certifications to the HR Director, 295 Meridian Street, Groton, CT 06340 by **4:00 p.m. on July 8, 2016.**

The City of Groton reserves the right to extend the closing date without additional notice or to re-advertise for the position. **AA/EOE**

7. Firefighter Near Miss Report of the Week

Accidental Deployment of Air Bag During Extrication Training

SUMMARY

Firefighters were using an acquired vehicle to conduct vehicle-extrication training. Any possible sources of power for the air bag were disconnected. As the training progressed, the steering column was cut. The air bag deployed, nearly resulting in serious injury. Fortunately, members escaped without harm.

EVENT DESCRIPTION

While conducting an auto-extrication training, a crew was removing a vehicle's steering wheel with a hydraulic cutter. Suddenly, without warning, the vehicle's air bag deployed.

This activation occurred on a vehicle acquired from a local junkyard, from which the battery had been removed weeks before the incident. Before starting the extrication portion of the training, the crew had stabilized the vehicle and released the hood to simulate deenergizing of the vehicle. It was noted at this point that the battery of the vehicle had been removed.

[View the Report: Accidental Deployment of Air Bag During Extrication Training](#)

TAKE-AWAYS

As firefighters and emergency service personnel, we are around dangerous and stressful situations regularly. When we train, we ensure that the training environment is as safe as possible, realizing that any props or scenarios we're using still pose a risk to us.

The personnel in this week's report did as we all may have done. They followed common practices and performed the skills. Still, there was some training and operational gaps, and they almost learned a very hard lesson from this near-miss.

DISCUSSION

- Discuss your agency's policy or guideline on vehicle extrication and common specific techniques, like cutting a steering column.
- Does your agency have any air bag arresting devices? What are their limitations?
- What is your agency's process for acquiring and preparing vehicles for extrication training? What are the potential risks to personnel from the vehicles provided?

LEADING PRACTICES

The writer of this report has addressed many ways to prevent a similar event in the future. The writer mentions the importance of removing air bags from any vehicle donated or acquired, as well as to avoid cutting steering columns and use other methods or techniques to remove a trapped occupant.

Devices are emerging that can be placed over steering wheels to reduce the risk of a deployed air bag to first responders and occupants. Limiting the chances for an unwanted, unplanned air bag deployment is something that must be examined carefully during training and put into practice in the field.

RELATED NEAR MISS REPORTS

- [Air Bag Deploys Suddenly at Vehicle Accident](#)
- [Air Bag Deploys at Car Fire and Injures FF](#)
- [Air Bag Deploys During Auto Extrication Training](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Firefighter Safety and the Modern Vehicle \(PDF\)](#)
- [NHTSA Resources for Rescuers](#)
- [FireRescue1.com: Airbag Dangers Firefighters Face](#)

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