



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

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1. Rescue Week and Beyond - Program Flyer and Application

The Connecticut Fire Academy is pleased to announce the delivery of Rescue Week and Beyond – expanding the traditional Rescue Week to encompass the weeks between October 1st and October 28th. The course offerings for Rescue Week and Beyond have been designed to provide many new training opportunities and the new dynamic schedule includes evening and weekend offerings that will be more convenient and accessible for individuals working weekday shifts. New RIT and Rope Programs will include a competitive aspect, complete with trophies and exciting awards for winning teams. Course offerings have been expanded to meet the needs of a wider audience including career and volunteer Fire Service personnel, EMS providers, Fire Cadets/Explorers, USAR and CERT personnel. Attached, please find the program flyer and application. Don't delay, sign up today!

2. 3rd Annual Fire Department Car Show - Farmington

Saturday October 22, 2016 11am – 3pm – 1690 New Britain Ave, Farmington, CT. Antique, Classic, Sports and Muscle. Door Prizes for first 400 show cars! Motorcycles Welcome!

See attached

3. A Benefit Seminar for Torrington Deputy Fire Chief Chris Pepler - Digital Imagery & Social Media

Digital Imagery & Social Media have been both a blessing and a curse for the fire service, but one thing is undeniable: despite the problems digital imagery and social media are here to stay. The law that applies to social media has been evolving and continues to evolve, with new cases and considerations arising daily. This program focuses on the latest digital imagery and social media cases affecting the fire service, and the lessons learned for fire departments and firefighters.

Thursday, 11/10/16 8:30AM-4:30PM

Farmington Gardens, 999 Farmington Avenue, Farmington, CT

Tickets are \$75 each. Lunch is included.

Prepayment Required.

Make Checks Payable To: Torrington Fire Fighters' Local 1567

Memo: DC Pepler Benefit

Mail To: 849 Middletown Road, Colchester, CT 06415 Provide an Email Address for reservation confirmation.

All proceeds from this event will benefit Torrington Deputy Fire Chief Christopher Pepler, who has been courageously battling cancer for the past year. Chief Pepler has become an outspoken advocate for fire fighters to take steps to protect themselves from being exposed to known carcinogens. East Hartford Fire Chief John Oates will open the morning seminar with a presentation on Fire Fighter Cancer Prevention.

4. First Annual John "Papa" Golec Memorial Golf Tournament

September 23rd, 2016 at the Crestview Country Club. Continental breakfast, full lunch and dinner, prizes, raffles, contests and more! A fun day for all! Sponsored by the Suffield Firefighters Association. Registration is 10:00 am with an 11 o'clock shotgun start, lunch at the turn and dinner following golf. Cost is \$ 125.00. See brochure above for more details.

5. 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) 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.

6. NFFF National Stair Climb for Fallen Firefighters

The National Stair Climb for Fallen Firefighters will take place on Oct. 1st at Citi Field. Attached is the flyer we are using to promote the event and encourage folks to climb.

Attached is a list of other stair climbs and golf tourneys around the Country (attached) that your members are welcome to participate in if they can’t make it to the National Stair Climb. Or see the events calendar: <http://www.firehero.org/events/events/>

7. Public Information Officer – Hurry Sign Up Today

The Public Information Officer class scheduled for Stamford on September 20 and 21 (Course #17025) is *in danger of cancellation because of low enrollment*. If you are interested please sign up ASAP by going to our website at www.ct.gov/cfpc . This class will instruct participants in the basic methods for establishing and maintaining a positive relationship with the news media. Discussion topics will cover: public disclosure laws; media relations; and news releases. Participants will learn the basics of preparing news releases, setting up press conferences, and the responsibilities of the Public Information Officer (PIO) at the scene of an emergency.

8. Middlesex County Fire Chiefs Association – September Monthly Meeting Notice – Tomorrow

The Middlesex County Fire Chiefs Association Inc. will hold their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at the East Hampton Fire Department Cobalt Station beginning at 19:00 hours.

9. Seymour Ambulance Association Will be Holding an EMT-Basic Class

Seymour Ambulance Association will be holding an EMT-Basic class beginning Tuesday, September 20, 2016 running through Thursday, January 12, 2017. The class will meet on Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00pm – 10:00pm, with 3 Saturday classes meeting 8:00am to 4:00pm. 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 or contact Lea Zwally at lzwally@seymouremms.org or (203) 888-8843 Ext4.

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