



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

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1. CFA Bookstore News – Closed Tonight

The CT Fire Academy Bookstore will close at 4:30 p.m. today, Tuesday, September 6th. Normal hours will resume next week.

Thanks, Pam
CFA Bookstore

2. Falls Village Truck Pull

The Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department will hold a Truck Pull on Sunday, October 2 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 108 Route 63, Falls Village, CT. Truck Pull, Vendors, Food & Lots More!! General Admission is \$10, Kids 12 & under Free! All proceeds benefit the Falls Village Vol. F.D. See attached flyer for additional information.

3. Echo Hose Hook and Ladder Co. 1 Annual Steak & Brew

The Echo Hose Hook and Ladder CO. 1 will be hosting our "Annual Steak & Brew" on Saturday, October 8th from 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM at 379 Coram Avenue in Shelton!

Attached, please find our flyer - if you all could send this to your members via email and post it at your headquarters, we would greatly appreciate it!

Also, here is the link to our facebook event page!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/532519170279226>

4. 2017 National Fire & Emergency Services Symposium Call for Seminar Proposals

The Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) is announcing an official Call for Proposals for the 2017 National Fire and Emergency Services Symposium. The Symposium will be held in Washington, DC on Wednesday, April 5, 2017, the day before the 29th Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner.

Seminar proposals must meet the following criteria to be considered:

- Seminars should focus on federal policy or issues that are national in scope, and have a positive impact on the nation's fire and emergency services. Seminars intended solely to promote for-profit programs and activities that specifically benefit an organization will not be considered.
- Seminars are limited to 50 minutes in length.
- Where applicable, proposed panelists and moderators should represent a variety of national organizations and fire service disciplines.
- Proposals must be submitted to CFSI no later than October 28, 2016. All submissions should be emailed to Sean Carroll, CFSI's Director of Government Affairs at scarroll@cfsi.org or mailed to:

Congressional Fire Services Institute
ATTN: Sean Carroll/2017 Seminar Proposals
1530 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 520
Arlington, VA 22209

Proposals must include the following information:

- Seminar title;
- Seminar description and objectives (minimum 200 word narrative);
- Names of panelists and moderators with biographical information (minimum 200 words per biography);
- Statement explaining how the proposed seminar aligns with CFSI's mission to advance the readiness and response capabilities of all first responders;

- Statement explaining how the applicant will help CFSI promote the seminar and the 2017 National Fire and Emergency Services Symposium and Dinner;
- A primary point of contact for the submission, including name, phone number, and email address.

All proposals will be reviewed by CFSI's staff and the Programmatic Subcommittee of CFSI's National Advisory Committee. Applicants must agree to work with CFSI to finalize participants, produce relevant materials, and promote the seminars series. CFSI reserves the right to make changes to panelists and seminar content.

Questions regarding this Call for Proposals should be directed to Sean Carroll, CFSI's Director of Government Affairs, at scarroll@cfsi.org or (202) 371-1277.

5. Tyco SimplexGrinnell's Day of Training – Limited Space Available

Tyco SimplexGrinnell's Hartford District Office will host a day of presentations and demonstrations on Friday, September 9, 2016 at their facility in Cranston, R.I. located at 1467 Elmwood Avenue. This event is free of charge and will include lunch. Please RSVP by September 1, 2016 to David M. Pontbriand @ DPontbriand@simplexgrinnell.com. See the attached invitation and program agenda for additional information.

6. New London County Fire Chiefs Association September Meeting Notice

The New London County Fire Chiefs Association will hold its monthly meeting & picnic at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 hosted by the East Great Plain Fire Company 488 New London Turnpike in Norwich.

7. Archdiocese of Hartford's Blue Mass – Sunday, September 11, 2016

The Archdiocese of Hartford's Blue Mass is scheduled for Sunday September 11th at 11 AM. The committee has asked all organizations involved to spread the word. The following link provides details about the mass <http://archdioceseofhartford.org/blue-mass/>

The Archdiocese is also looking for donations to help subsidize the cost of the reception that will follow the mass. If any organization is interested in making a monetary contribution please contact Maria Zone at maria.zone@aohct.org

8. CFDIA September Meeting – Tomorrow!

The next meeting of the Connecticut Fire Department Instructors Association (CFDIA) will be held at the Connecticut Fire Academy on Wednesday, September 7th at 9:00 a.m. Also as a reminder, the annual banquet will be held at the Manor Inn in Southington, this year the dinner will be held on Thursday, October 6th, with a Social Hour starting at 6:00. The Dick Sylvia and Harry Kelly award recipients will be announced shortly.

9. CSFA Convention - September 16 – 17, 2016

The New London County Fire Chiefs Association is hosting this year's Connecticut State Firefighters Convention.

September 16, Executive Board Meeting at Flanders Fish Market Restaurant 22 Chesterfield Road East Lyme

September 16, CFA Irregulars Meeting at Chesterfield Fire Dept. 1606 Rt.85 Oakdale at 7:00PM

September 17, CSFA Convention Meeting 11:00AM at East Lyme High School 30 Chesterfield Road, East Lyme

September 17, Presidents Party 2:00PM at Cohanzie Fire Dept. 53 Dayton Road, Waterford

September 18, No Parade

Convention Host Hotel: Days Inn 239 Flanders Road, East Lyme

Any questions please contact Ron Stolz, Convention Chairman - 860-884-1805

10. Plainville Fire Company Hosts Fundraiser for Member

The Plainville (CT) Fire Company is sponsoring a benefit to raise funds and assist with medical and long term expenses for Plainville Fire Fighter Marty Schiraldi.

Marty was injured in an accident at home that severely damaged his right hand. He is self-employed and will be out of work for another 8 months.

Please join us to honor Marty at his fundraiser. The event will be on Friday, September 9 at the VFW , 7 Northwest Drive, Plainville, CT from 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Raffle prizes with a band and DJ. There will be a full buffet. Keg beer will be available and BYOB. Cost is \$20.00 per person-\$30.00 per couple.

Children 5-10-\$10.00. Under 5 free.

More information, please contact Captain Kurt Plourde 860-481-9175, Patrick Kilby 860-966-3873 or Scott Saunders, 860-573-6966.

11. IAFC Webinars

Stressful Conditions and Crowd Behavior: How Properly Trained Crowd Managers Can Be Life Savers

Tuesday, September 13, 2 PM ET (1 hour)

This presentation will explore the differences between how people respond to stimulus as individuals and how they respond when in a crowd. The research on this issue indicates significant differences in behavior, which sometimes lead to disastrous outcomes.

By visiting core research principles and case studies to determine how disasters relate to crowds under stress, participants will learn to identify methods that can be used to avoid such catastrophes. We'll also visit the code requirements contained in model fire codes, including those developed by the National Fire Protection Association and the International Code Council. We'll conclude with a discussion on available crowd-manager training and how to assess these courses for validity and effectiveness for your jurisdiction.

Participants will:

- Understand the psychological theories relating to crowd behavior
- Understand and implement methodologies to mitigate crowd behaviors that might result in injuries or fatalities
- Understand the code requirements for trained crowd managers in both NFPA and ICC fire codes
- Assess crowd manager training programs for validity, accuracy and appropriateness
- Provide assembly managers with a clear compliance path to code requirements related to crowd management

Presented by Jim Tidwell, Fire Marshal, Ret., Fort Worth Fire Department, Fire Code Consultant, Tidwell Consulting Corp.

To Register:

http://www.iafc.org/Education/Events.cfm?itemnumber=9201&utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Edu+Prof+dev

The Fire Prevention Paradox: Is Our Culture Killing Us?

Tuesday, September 20, 2 PM ET (1 hour)

Our mission in the fire and emergency services is to protect lives and property; our current fire service culture emphasizes what happens once we're dispatched. In many cases, our intervention and mitigation efforts aren't enough; lives and property are already being lost. This presents the paradox that we say one thing, but our actions say another. The fire and emergency service must find a way to prioritize prevention efforts to live up to our motto and mission of protecting lives and property.

This webinar will bring to light the possible reasons we have "cultured ourselves" to be more reactive than proactive. The importance of data research, collection and analysis in this process will be discussed, as well as how our organizations can incorporate the data into a marketing plan for both internal and external stakeholders.

Participants will:

- Analyze why the culture of the fire and emergency service is reactive instead of proactive
- Understand the importance of data in the fire and emergency services profession
- Be able to identify potential marketing techniques to internal and external stakeholders for promoting prevention

Presented by Billy D. Hayes, Chief Program Officer, National Center for Fire and Life Safety

To Register:

http://www.iafc.org/Education/Events.cfm?itemnumber=9202&utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Edu+Prof+dev

Progressive Discipline for Volunteer Fire Departments

Wednesday, September 21, 2 PM ET (1 hour)

Disciplining employees is a difficult process and many fire officers and departments aren't prepared to exercise discipline towards their employees. Discipline is a process to correct behavior and preserve relationships. This presentation will consider the discipline process, beginning with helping departments prepare a code of conduct and a code of ethics, as well as discipline policies and understanding the laws protecting your volunteer firefighters.

Participants will:

- Understand the concept of progressive discipline
- Identify the elements at each stage of the progressive-discipline process
- Learn the legal aspects of the interview process
- Apply documentation at each stage of the progressive-discipline process

- Understand the termination process and the letter of termination

Presented by John K. Murphy JD, PA-C, MS, EFO, Deputy Fire Chief, Ret., Murphy Law Group

To Register:

http://www.iafc.org/Education/Events.cfm?itemnumber=9225&utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Edu+Prof+dev

Why Your Fire Department Needs a Stroke System of Care

Thursday, September 22, 2 PM ET (1 hour)

Stroke is a leading cause of long-term disability and the fifth largest cause of death in America. As first responders and prehospital medical providers, fire departments play a critical role in improving outcomes for stroke patients and are an important element in a complete system of stroke care.

While EMS has long recognized the importance of identifying stroke patients, new treatments for stroke are leading to rapid changes in stroke care—and the way we've done things before simply won't cut it anymore. This webinar will present how one department transformed its stroke care and made a huge impact in the community.

Participants will:

- Learn the most effective methods of patient assessment and stroke-team activation
- Discover best practices for using data to evaluate and improve
- Gain insight on ways to coordinate with the entire stroke system of care
- Hear about amazing outcomes that are garnering national attention and how your department can achieve similar results

Presented by Mark Ellis, Division Chief of EMS, Hallandale Beach Fire Rescue, Hallandale Beach, Florida

http://www.iafc.org/Education/Events.cfm?itemnumber=9203&utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Edu+Prof+dev

12. Preparing for the Written Exam Class

Larus Institute will hold a one-day class, *Preparing for the Written Exam*, on Saturday, September 17. It helps applicants for the upcoming Greenwich, Norwich, Suffield, and Westchester tests, as well as all other written, video, and computer exams. Participants receive a

complimentary copy of our book, *Firefighter Exam and Interview Prep*. We also show how to write a killer resume and introduce oral board interview techniques.

Details:

Cost: \$175

Time and Location: doors open at 8:00 AM, class runs 8:30-4:00. It is held in the Norwalk Police Headquarters Community Room. Parking on South Main Street.

For more information and to register, go to <http://publicsafetyprep.com/event/preparing-written-exam/>

13. Bells Across America for Fallen Firefighters

Since the early days of the fire service, bells have been used as a way to summon firefighters to a station, communicate the type of emergency or announce the end of a shift. When a firefighter died in the line of duty, a special sequence of five bells was tapped. The tolling of bells is still a tradition to honor the fallen during funerals and memorial services for firefighters.

You can be part of a national tradition to honor the memories of firefighters who died in the line of duty and show your support for their survivors. Join the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) in Bells Across America for Fallen Firefighters. This poignant tribute is part of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend, October 8-9 in Emmitsburg, MD.

"Bells Across America for Fallen Firefighters is a unique, grass-roots opportunity for a community to pay their respects to these brave men and women," said Chief Ronald J. Siarnicki, Executive Director of the NFFF. "It is also a very meaningful way to show the survivors of the fallen that their loved ones will not be forgotten."

Show Your Support – Sign Up Today

Visit BellsAcrossAmerica.com to sign up and find resources for your event.

14. Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program Reports

[Career Fire Apparatus Operator Dies After Falling Down an Unsecured Elevator Shaft at a Five-story Residential Structure—Ohio](#) (Click on title to access full report)

A career fire apparatus operator (FAO) responded to a working fire at a five-story residential apartment building. Visibility was limited due to moderate smoke and the FAO fell down an unsecured elevator shaft. The FAO was pronounced dead at the hospital.

15. 2016 Fire Service College Fair – Save the Date

The 2016 Fire Service College Fair will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at the Connecticut Fire Academy from 9:30am to 3 pm. Come learn about college, training and career options in the Fire, Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Management and Public Safety Communications Career Paths!

Who should come? High School Students & Parents, Junior Firefighters & Explorers, High School Guidance Counselors, Explorer Post Advisors, Adult Learners interested in Fire, EMS and Emergency Management Degree programs.

For more information contact Ian Tenney, Program Coordinator Ian.Tenney@ct.gov

Please post the attached flyer in your fire station(s) and plan to attend!

16. Action Needed to Protect Crucial Requirement for Home Fire Sprinklers

Earlier this year, International Code Council (ICC) members voted down a proposal to place the requirement to sprinkler new, one- and two-family homes into the annex of the 2018 edition of ICC's International Residential Code (IRC). However, public comments on this proposal have been submitted and will be heard at ICC public comment hearings in October. ICC's governmental voting members will get the chance to vote on keeping this requirement intact.

What's at Stake?

The future of home fire safety in America hinges on winning this vote. Home fire sprinklers represent our best chance of striking at the heart of America's fire problem, since they reduce the risk of dying in home fires by an astounding 80 percent. Sprinkler requirements have made it into the 2009, 2012, and 2015 editions of the IRC. Placing this requirement into the code's annex—thereby making it an option for states and local municipalities—would be a huge setback for home fire safety.

Take Action Today

ICC primary representatives **must validate their governmental member voting representatives by Sept. 19** to vote at the 2016 Annual Business Meeting public comment hearings, or the online governmental consensus vote that follows the hearings. The electronic voter validation site will remain open through Sept. 19. Please make sure your state's governmental voting representatives are validated by this crucial date and vote in support of safer homes.

Please see: <https://community.nfpa.org/community/home-fire-sprinkler-initiative/blog/2016/09/06/action-needed-to-protect-crucial-requirement-for-home-fire-sprinklers>

17. 45th Annual Fire Apparatus Show and Muster - Saturday, September 10, 2016

The 45th Annual Engine 260 Firefighter's Muster will be held on Saturday September 10, 2016 at Eisenhower Park, Milford Connecticut. Proceeds from this event benefit Camp Happiness – a summer camp held for children with special needs. Admission to the general public is free. Food and refreshments are available on site.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

08:00 Motorcade line-up at the Liberty Rock Shopping Plaza
08:30 Firematic flea market opens at muster site
09:00 Motorcade starts, leaving the Liberty Rock Plaza through Milford center ending at Eisenhower Park
10:00 Opening ceremonies
10:30 Competitions begin
17:00 Awards and trophy presentations

Competitions include:

Arena pumping, lakeside draft, ladder climb, bucket brigade, tug-o-war, water barrel, midnight alarm and a new event called the structured hose lay.

For more information, visit our website at www.engine260.org

18. Employment Opportunity – Fire Inspector – North Haven Fire Department

FIRE INSPECTOR
NORTH HAVEN
FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Town of North Haven is looking to hire an independent contractor for Fire Inspector duties.

The independent contractor assists the Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief with Fire Marshal inspections. Specifically, such work includes the management of day-to-day office and field work involving the inspection of buildings, vehicles and other installations for compliance with Federal, State and local regulations as required by the Office of the State Fire Marshal, such as the applicable sections of Chapter 541 of the Connecticut General Statutes as well as numerous codes which are promulgated under the provision of these statutes. Emphasis is placed upon the inspection of all occupancies and practices covered by the Connecticut Fire Safety Code, including all assembly, education, health care, multiple dwelling, residential board and care,

mercantile, business, industrial and storage buildings and facilities. The position also involves various public education responsibilities and fire scene investigation as needed.

Current certification as a Fire Code Inspector and Fire Investigator through the CT Office of Education and Data Management is required. Must be free of any physical or mental impairment that would prohibit the ability to perform the duties of a fire inspector. Significant experience in the application of code enforcement and management of records is preferred.

This is an independent contractor position; a Form 1099 will be issued at year end. Inspectors must be reliable, able to work independently and efficiently.

COMPENSATION: \$50/hr. with an anticipated 40 hours per week.

HOW TO APPLY: Send your resume to the Town of North Haven Finance Office, Memorial Town Hall, 18 Church Street, North Haven, CT.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: When filled