



**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. Fundraiser for the Bridgeport Fallen Firefighters Foundation

On SEPTEMBER 10TH 2016 AT CAPTAINS COVE SEAPORT The Bridgeport Fallen Firefighters Foundation will be hosting a fund raising benefit featuring the RUM RUNNERS BAND. Event will begin at 7 pm and run till closing. A \$10 admission fee will be collected at the door. Proceeds from the event will go directly to the Foundation. The Foundation was created to assist Families of Firefighters who have made the Ultimate Sacrifice.

Please spread the word all are welcome!!!!!!!!!!



3. IFSTA Seeking Validation Committee Members

IFSTA is currently seeking members for one new committee that will begin their work at the 2017 IFSTA Validation Conference to be held in Oklahoma in July, 2017. The new committee will be:

- Fire and Emergency Services Company Officer, 6th edition

Individuals with interest in this topic are encouraged to apply. Please fill out the attached application form and return it to IFSTA/FPP no later than December 30, 2016. All applicants will be notified of the disposition of their application on or around February 1, 2017. You may also fill out the application online at www.ifsta.org.

4. GoFundMe Page for Firefighter Bill Deford

For those who don't know Bill Deford, he is a loving husband, father, firefighter, instructor, friend and a mentor to many. Bill is known for his energy, knowledge, strength, and passion for firefighting and physical fitness. Bill is also a firefighter for Longmeadow Fire and an instructor at the CT Fire Academy. Bill is the lead physical fitness instructor at the CT Fire Academy and has always been known for his tremendous strength, athletic ability and healthy lifestyle. It is heartbreaking to hear an extremely healthy man, fellow firefighter to be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. This sad news has not only affected Bill and his family, but those who have met him or been impacted by him in some way. All the hard work and time bill has donated to the community let's do the same and support the Deford Family during this time.

A gofundme page has been set up to help the Deford Family
<https://www.gofundme.com/2mg7m3u4>

5. Media Release SWFD 9-11 Dedication Ceremony – Other 9-11 Events

On Sunday, September 11th at 1900 hours (7:00pm) the South Windsor Fire Department (SWFD) will be hosting a ceremony DEDICATING a NEW 9-11 MEMORIAL at Fire Headquarters, 1175 Ellington Road. All Members are encouraged to attend – Class “A” Uniform. This is not just for us, but for our Families and the Community as well. Refreshments to follow...

This new 9-11 Memorial is Thanks to the extra ordinary efforts of **ERIC HOFMANN** – a member of the *SWFD Explorer Post 838* and a member of *BSA South Windsor Troop 880*. As Eric watched his brother, Andrew, enhance the SWFD Memorial as his **Eagle Scout Project**, he knew he wanted to continue in that same direction and add a new 9-11 Memorial to the existing SWFD Memorial. He started this Eagle Scout Project in July of 2014 writing letters to the NY/NJ Port Authority requesting an artifact from the World Trade Towers – knowing that there were only a few limited amounts of material left, he was not surprise that nearly a year went by with no answer. Then in June of 2015 he received word that a piece of steel artifact

as available for this project. He spent the next few months communicating back and forth, gathering the support from not only the SWFD, but the Community of South Windsor – and all the associated requirements. Eric’s leadership, direction and passion all came together in August of 2015 when a small group of us traveled to NY to bring this amazing piece of history to South Windsor...many of you may recall as we shared that day.

Now, after months of Eric’s efforts and fund raising, supported by his family, the SWFD, and the local Community –the new 9-11 Memorial is nearly complete!

Please join us on Sunday, September 11th at 1900 hours (7:00pm) as we host a Ceremony unveil and dedicate the new 9-11 Memorial. All are welcome...

Let us Never Forget that day...15 years ago...09-11-01

In addition to the New SW 9-11 Dedication Ceremony, please join us at other Ceremonies, Masses and Remembrances of the 15th Anniversary of 9-11.

- ***Manchester Fire-Rescue-EMS and IAFF Local 1579*** hosting their Annual 9-11 Ceremony at the **Manchester Firefighters Memorial Garden, Station 5, 331 Tolland Turnpike, Manchester at 0900 hours (9:00am)**. This is an incredible Memorial Garden dedicated to both 9-11 and many Fallen Firefighters that died in the Line of Duty. This year, in addition to the Annual 9-11 Remembrances, they are also dedicating a new piece in Honor of **Chief KEN JEFFERY** of the *Windsor Locks and US Sub Base FD’s*.
- **2016 BLUE MASS** – In Honor of all active and retired Police, Fire, EMS and DOC personnel. ALL FAITHS Welcome! **Cathedral of Saint Joseph, 140 Farmington Ave., Hartford, CT**. Uniform Personnel formation/procession at 1030 hours (10:30am) with Celebration of Mass at **1100 hours (11:00 am)** by the Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair, Archbishop of Hartford.
- **Saint Francis of Assis Church** Green, 673 **Ellington Road, South Windsor, CT** at **2000 hours, (8:00pm)** In order to remember, honor and pray for all those who died on September 11, 2001, luminaries, one for every victim, arranged in the shape of a cross on the Church Green. Luminaries will be lighted at dusk. ALL WELCOME!

6. Employment Opportunity – Firefighter – Suffield Fire Department

SUFFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT
IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR
ENTRY LEVEL FIREFIGHTERS

APPLICATIONS CAN BE MADE ONLINE AT **WWW.FIREFIGHTERAPP.COM**
APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2016

The written examination is anticipated to be held on Saturday, September 24, 2016 – Time to be announced. Mark your calendar as there will be no makeup exams or refunds.

GENERAL DUTIES

The Town of Suffield seeks qualified applicants for the position of Firefighter. This is a full time (40 hour per week*), hourly position in the Fire Department. Some of the duties include but are not limited to: Controls and extinguishes fires; protects life and property; maintains Fire Department buildings, quarters and equipment as a member of a fire company and performs related work as required. Additional information about the Town of Suffield and the Suffield Fire Department can be found at www.suffieldtownhall.com.

SALARY/BENEFITS

Starting Salary: \$ 45,198*

Thirteen paid holidays per year • Paid vacation days • Health Insurance • Retirement Plan • Short Term Disability, Long Term Disability and Life Insurance.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Age: Applicants must be 18 years of age.
- Education: Graduation from a standard high school or technical school or equivalent as certified by the State Board of Education
- License: Applicants must possess and maintain a valid driver's license with appropriate endorsement to drive fire apparatus.
- Certifications Required: Certification to Pro Board/IFSAC accredited Firefighter II, CPAT (Candidates Physical Ability Test) certificate, Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)
- Residency: Applicants must be U.S. citizens and reside within a fifteen (15) mile radius of the Suffield Fire Departments Main Station within one (1) year of date of hire.
- Physical Examination: A rigid physical examination in compliance with the NFPA 1582 Standard on Comprehensive Occupational Medical Programs for Fire Departments 2013 edition conducted by the Department and Town's medical authority will also be required
- Drug Testing: Applicants shall be required to submit to a drug test as part of the pre employment medical examination.
- Character Requirements and other factors: Applicants must meet the highest legal and ethical standards. Honesty and integrity are paramount to the profession. Candidates will undergo a rigorous background investigation. An applicant may be disqualified for poor employment history, recent use of illegal drugs, or previously undetected criminal activity.

TESTING REQUIREMENTS

The selection process will include, at a minimum, a detailed review of your application packet, and the successful completion of the Department's selection process, which includes but may not be limited to the following:

- Written examination (Passing 70%)
- Oral examination (Passing 70%)
- Detailed background investigation
- Medical examination
- Chief's interview
- Fire Commission Interview

The Town of Suffield is an equal opportunity employer. The above posting is intended as a guide and is not a complete description of the position or process.

** Collective Bargaining Agreement is currently being negotiated.*

7. Plainville Fire Company Hosts Fundraiser for Member - Marty Schiraldi

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 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.

See attached flyer.

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS EMAIL