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## “ALL HANDS NOTICE”

### Instructor Safety Stand Down

On Wednesday, June 21, 2006, from 0900 – 1400 hours the Connecticut Fire Academy will be on an “Instructor Safety Stand Down” as part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Nationwide Safety Stand Down which is being requested by the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) and the Volunteer and Combination Officers' Section of the IAFC.

Sadly, 106 fire fighters died in the line of duty last year. Since many of the accidents occurred in department vehicles, we have decided to focus this year's stand down on emergency vehicle safety, where we can have the most impact. We must take dramatic steps to reduce the alarmingly high fire fighter death and injury rates,” said IAFC President Chief Bill Killen.

While the Academy is not a response agency, we do have to ensure that the highest safety standards are implemented and followed during training by both instructor and student alike. It is hoped that during the Stand Down the discussion will focus on existing safety concerns as well as solutions to correct them and build upon the success of last years event.

Near miss incident reporting will also be addressed. In the last few months there have been a number of incidents that have occurred that have or will be posted on the Near Miss website.

If you cannot attend and have a safety concern, it may be forwarded to Deputy Director of Training Mark D. Lewandowski so that it may be discussed during the Stand Down.

Please respond to Elaine Mancino by June 20, 2006 at [elaine.mancino@po.state.ct.us](mailto:elaine.mancino@po.state.ct.us) or 877-528-3473, ext. 226 if you plan on participating as lunch will be provided for those that attend.