

**June 2009
Edition**



Hartford County "HOSELINE"

News From Around Hartford County

Upcoming Meetings and Other Events:

- June 17th— Annual Dinner Meeting of HCFEP. See article on lower portion of page.
- September 16th— next meeting of HCFEP at Bloomfield Center
- Sunday, October 4th for the 59th Annual Memorial Service for Deceased Firefighters will be held at the Connecticut Fire Academy—More Details to follow in coming editions of the "HoseLine".

Congratulations to HCFEP President, Anthony Ruggiero on his graduation from the Connecticut Fire Academy Recruit Class 43 on May 13, 2009. Also graduating from Recruit Class 43 from Hartford County Region was Firefighter/Paramedic Joshua Levine from UCONN Health Center Fire Department and Firefighter Edwin Crandall from Southington Fire Department.

On Wednesday, May 27, 2009 Wethersfield Fire Department participated in Tip-A-Firefighter at Wood-N-Tap, Rocky Hill. Through the efforts of the firefighters that participated approximately \$1000.00 was raised to support Team Jimmie Clark's Pit Crew. HCFEP 1st Vice President Dave Clark (pictured to the right) was instrumental in coordinating this event.

Do you have some news you want to share? E-mail all submissions including pictures to secretary@hcfep.org.



HCFEP President Ruggiero (2nd from Left) graduated from Connecticut Fire Academy Recruit Class 43. Also pictured (L to R) Captain Frederica Weeks, Firefighter/Paramedic Joshua Levine and Captain Gregory Priest all from UCONN Health Center Fire Department.



HCFEP 1st Vice President Dave Clark assisted with Wethersfield Fire Departments First Annual Tip-A-Firefighter for Autism Speaks on Wednesday, May 27, 2009.

Hartford County Fire Emergency Plan Annual Dinner

Join us for the "2009" Annual Dinner of the Hartford County Fire Emergency Plan on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at the Farmington Club—162 Town Farms Road, Farmington, CT. Social Hour will begin at 6:30 pm with dinner to follow. If you are in need of tickets (\$20.00 each), please call John Coelho at 860-793-0871 and leave a message on the machine to let him know how many tickets you or your department need and they will be put aside and added to a list with your name and department. Gerald Schaffer, Secretary of the CSFA will be giving a presentation on the benefits available to the membership of the Connecticut State Firefighters Association.



New Chiefs and Officers in Hartford County

Blue Hills Fire Department - Has promoted Robert Farmer, retired Captain from UCONN Health Center Fire Department to Deputy Chief of Training.

UCONN Health Center Fire Department - Chief William Perkins has retired.

Simsbury Fire Department - Randy Chesanek, 2nd Assistant Chief and Lt. Brandon Letson



Death Notices

It is with regret that we announce that firefighter Joseph Cigal from Southwick (MA) Fire Department passed away on May 15th. We also regretfully announce that Mary Ellen Bianchi, wife of Assistant Chief, Stephen Bianchi of Windsor Fire Department passed away on May 20th.



New Equipment

Connecticut Air National Guard Fire Department received a new AirCart - 2 man crew bottle filler with approximately 200 bottles per hour capacity and is inner-city equipped.

West Hartford Fire Department received a Quint built by Crimson, purchased for \$818,000.00.



Save the Date:

Sunday, October 4, 2009 for the Annual Hartford County Memorial Service that will be held at the Connecticut Fire Academy. If you have Department members that need to be added to the list, please contact: secretary@hcfep.org

Deadline Submissions for future issues of the

We need to hear from the Departments in Hartford County. In an effort to make the "**HoseLine**" more informative and relevant, a letter to each department will be forthcoming for HCFEP President Ruggiero asking 3 questions. Please either respond via e-mail or by returning the postage paid post card.

To submit items to the "HoseLine" for the **July issue**, **deadline for submissions will be June 24, 2009.** We hope to have each monthly "**HoseLine**" out by the first week of the month.