



Hartford County "HOSELINE"

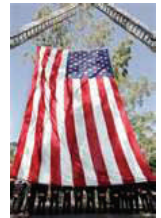
News From Around Hartford County

Upcoming Meetings and Other Events:

- September 16th—next meeting of HCFEP at Bloomfield Center Fire House 7 PM.
- 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".

The Hartford Fire Emergency Plan Board of Directors cordially invites any officers and members of any Hartford County Fire Department to attend our 59th annual Hartford County Memorial Service on Sunday, October 4, 2009 to be held at the Connecticut Fire Academy, 34 Perimeter Road, Windsor Locks.

If you have had any members of your department pass away in the past year, please forward their names to Chet Haber at chesterhaber@sbcglobal.net, or to secretary@hcfep.org so that they may be remembered at this years service. More details regarding this service will be forthcoming. We hope you and your Department will join us to make this a meaningful service to remember those who have gone before us.



Training Division News

Our Newington class is going along well. The County started 2 more Firefighter 1 classes on August 25th, an A and B class. And, a Firefighter 2 class will begin September 1st. Once all classes have started, the training division will be instructing just under 100 firefighters from throughout the county in four classes running concurrently.

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

Upcoming Event from Wethersfield Firefighters Association

On Saturday, October 24, 2009 the Wethersfield Firefighter's Association will hold a fundraiser for its scholarship fund to Mohegan Sun Casino for an evening filled with fun. The bus will depart from Wethersfield Company 1 (171 Main Street) at 4 PM and will return at 11 PM - BYOB and/or snacks for the ride.

Tickets are \$30 per person and include roundtrip bus transportation, food voucher for a free buffet or \$10 off at any restaurant, and 2 free bets. Please contact:

Mark Mahder at (860) 721-1800 or Marty Sitler at (860) 563-0027 to purchase tickets.



ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE WVFA SCHOLARSHIP FUND!



Death Notices

It is with regret that we announce that passing of Retired Vernon Chaplain , **Rev. Paul J. Bowman** who passed away on August 8th. Also, the passing of firefighter, **Douglas A. Warren** of the South Windsor Fire Department on August 15th. We also regret the passing of Retired Chief , **Ernest H. LeBlanc** of the Tariffville (Simsbury) Fire Department on August 23rd.



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

New Chiefs and Officers in Hartford County

Nothing new to report this edition! If you wish to have someone acknowledged, please send it to secretary@hcfep.org.



New Equipment

Nothing new to report this edition! If you wish to have new equipment acknowledged, please send it to secretary@hcfep.org

Chaplain's Corner



Does Your Department Have Chaplain?

Whether your department is paid or volunteer, there are some very good reasons to consider having a chaplain. Here are a handful of ways that a Fire Chaplain can help your department:

- 1. Funerals and Memorial Services.** A chaplain can support the department staff by helping to plan, organize and lead these services. A chaplain can also provide emotional and spiritual support to grieving families and department members.
- 2. Care.** A chaplain can help your department care for and support injured and/or ill (active and retired) department members. They can provide hospital visits, cards, and phone calls to the member, their families and keep the department up to date on these situations.
- 3. Special Events.** Often at special events within departments such as dinners, dedications, meetings etc. there is a need for someone to say a short prayer such as an invocation, a blessing on a meal, or a benediction. Chaplains can provide guidance to members on what to say or can participate in these events themselves.
- 4. Adding the Human Element.** At an incident or at the firehouse, firefighters are called upon to lay aside their personal concerns and issues to get a job done. Yet sometimes what is happening at home or what happens at an incident needs to be discussed with someone who will listen and bring perspective or simply be a sounding board. Chaplains can also add the "human touch" at an incident by sitting with the victim(s) and their families to help them begin to process what has happened and discuss next steps.

If your department does not have a chaplain and is in need of one in an emergency or would like help locating one. Please feel free to contact me by phone at 860-978-2361 or by email at chaplain@hcfep.org.

Rev. Chris Skowronek
HCFEP Chaplain

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