



# Hartford County "HOSELINE"

## Join us for our next HCFEP Meeting

Join us at Bloomfield Center Fire House (18 Wintonbury Avenue, Bloomfield) at 7 PM on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 for our next Hartford County Fire Emergency Plan Meeting.

### Upcoming Meetings and Other Events:

- September 21st—next meeting of HCFEP at Bloomfield Center Fire House 7 PM.
- Sunday, October 2nd for the 61st Annual Memorial Service for Deceased Firefighters will be hosted by the Suffield Fire Department.

## 61st Annual Memorial Service

The Hartford County Fire Emergency Plan Board of Directors cordially invites all officers and members of any Hartford County Fire Department to attend our 61st annual Hartford County Memorial Service on Sunday, October 2, 2011 at 5PM. This years service will be hosted by the Suffield Fire Department. The service will be held at The Second Baptist Church, 100 North Main Street - Rte. 75, Suffield CT.06078. Parking is available directly behind the church. Marchers may also park behind the church and are asked to arrive no later than 4:45PM for assembly. We will assemble marchers on Suffield Academy's Private Road next to the church.

Refreshments will be served after the service. Those attending are asked to respond to Chief Tom Bellmore at [tbellmore@suffieldtownhall.com](mailto:tbellmore@suffieldtownhall.com) to ensure proper headcount for refreshments.

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](mailto:chesterhaber@sbcglobal.net), or to [secretary@hcfep.org](mailto: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.



**Do you have some news you want to share? E-mail all submissions including pictures to [secretary@hcfep.org](mailto:secretary@hcfep.org).**

## Upcoming Event from Wethersfield Firefighters Association

On Saturday, October 15, 2011 the Wethersfield Firefighter's Association will hold a fundraiser for its scholarship fund to Foxwoods 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: Marty Sitler at (860) 563-0027 to purchase tickets.



**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE WVFA SCHOLARSHIP FUND!**



## Lost Acres Announces New Chiefs and Officers

Chief – John Horr Jr.

Assistant Chief – David Sprafke

Deputy Chief – Erik Davis

Deputy Chief – Al Christensen

Captain – Roger Thibodeau

Captain – John Demyon

Captain – Bill Lee

Lieutenant – Bruce Johnston

Lieutenant – Tim Weber

Lieutenant – Sean Yucha

## New Equipment

*Nothing new to report this edition! If you wish to have new equipment acknowledged, please send it to [secretary@hcfep.org](mailto: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](mailto:chaplain@hcfep.org).**

Rev. Chris Skowronek  
HCFEP Chaplain



### **Save the Date:**

Sunday, October 2, 2011 for the Annual Hartford County Memorial Service that will be hosted by the Suffield Fire Department. If you have Department members that need to be added to the list, please contact:  
[secretary@hcfep.org](mailto:secretary@hcfep.org)

To submit items to the "HoseLine" for the **October issue**, ***deadline for submissions will be September 30, 2011.*** We hope to have each monthly "**HoseLine**" out by the first week of the month.