ANNUAL REPORT

Of the

OFFICERS

Of the

CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION



ONE HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHTH

ANNUAL CONVENTION

WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT

17 & 18 September 2021

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CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Connecticut State Firefighters Association, Inc. is established in order to form a more perfect organization, establish harmony of action, insure prosperity and success, provide pecuniary support, secure protection and promote the best interests of the firefighters of Connecticut and to compile statistics of information concerning the practical workings of various systems and the merits of various apparatus in use for the extinguishing of fires; also the cultivation of fraternal fellowship between the several departments of the State of Connecticut.

2021

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Statistics from the Office of the Secretary for 2020 - 2021

MEMBERSHIP

Year	Volunteer	Career	Total
FY 2016/2017	22,350	4,450	26,800
FY 2017/2018	22,325	4,450	26,775
FY 2018/2019	22,300	4,450	26,750
FY 2019/2020	22,275	4,425	26,700
FY 2020/2021	22,300	4,050	26,350

STATE OF CONNECTICUT APPROPRIATIONS FOR BENEFITS TO MEMBERS

	FY 14/15	FY 15/16	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21
Appropriation	\$184,976.00	\$184,976.00	\$184.976.00	\$176,625.00	\$176,625.00	\$176,625.00	\$176,625.00
Permanent Disability	\$45,528.00	\$50,830.00	\$48,384.50	\$51,064.00	\$49,592.00	\$51,248.00	\$51,427.00
Dependent Children	\$35,679.00	\$34,366.50	\$26,422.00	\$22,995.00	\$22,995.00	\$23,058.00	\$22,995.00
Death Claims	\$36,750.00	\$36,750.00	\$18,375.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Injury Claims	\$35,305.00	\$12,621.00	\$14,610.75	\$12,441.00	\$31,880.00	\$30,222.00	\$16,265.00
Total Payments	\$153,262.00	\$134,567.50	\$107,792.25	\$86,500.00	\$104,467.00	\$104,528.00	\$90,687.00
Balance of	\$31,714.00	\$50,408.50	\$77,183.75	\$90,125.00	\$72,158.00	\$72,097.00	\$85,938.00

DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF THE ASSOCIATION

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2010 - 5 - 2011 - 16 - 2012 - 50 - 2013 - 18 - 2014 - 273 2015 - 52 - 2016 - 21 - 2017-18 - 2018 - 138 - 2019 - 83 - 2020 - 397



Office of the Treasurer

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•	Year Ending April 30, 2019	Year Ending April 30, 2020	Year Ending April 30, 2021
INCOME:			
Dues, Assessments & Fees Interest on Savings Accounts Hall of Fame Dinner Total Receipts: EXPENSES:	\$59,750.00 \$ 0.00 \$32,118.00 \$91,868.00	\$59,750.00 \$ 0.00 \$17,260.00 \$77,010.00	\$67,642.50 \$ 0.00 \$1915.00 \$69,557.50
General Operating Filing Fee for IRS 501-C3 President's Reception National Vol Fire Council Meeting Exps Hall of Fame Dinner Transfer to Savings Re-purchased CD's Purchased CD (Hall of Fame Profit) Total Expenditures:	\$56,748.51 \$995.00 \$ 0.00 \$4410.47 \$25,334.65 \$ 0.00 \$ n/a \$ n/a \$87,488.63	\$57,623.77 \$995.00 \$1000.00 \$3910.37 \$ n/a \$1000.00 \$ n/a \$ n/a \$63,529.24	\$52,180.44 \$ 0.00 \$1000.00 \$ 0.00 \$ 0.00 \$ 5000.00 \$ n/a \$ n/a \$58,180.44
NET GAIN	\$4379.37	\$13,480.76	\$11,377.06
BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES: Checking-Bank of America-Assoc Funds Savings-Bank of America-Assoc Funds Conv Bonds-Bank of America Sub Total Assets in all Accounts:	\$13,534.58 \$3214.48 \$6959.68 \$23,708.64	\$7994.35 \$18,560.28 \$7964.44 \$34,515.07	\$11,377.06 \$26,563.44 <u>\$7562.02</u> \$45,502.52
CD Invest-M&T Bank-various maturities:			
1. Fireman's Memorial (1)	\$12,463.40	\$12,478.52	\$12,494.15
2. CSFA Operational Acct (3)	\$18,957.89	*\$18,974.83	\$18,997.51
3. Hall of Fame (4)	\$6526.59	\$6533.65	\$6541.94
Sub Total Certificates with M&T Bank	\$37,947.88	\$37,987.00	\$38,033.60
Total Both Accounts	\$61,656.52	\$72,502.07	\$83,536.12

^{*}Transfer funds for Hall of Fame Dinner to be returned when there is a set date.



TO:

Officers and Members of the Connecticut State Firefighters Association

FROM:

Audit Committee

SUBJECT:

Annual Audit of Records

DATE:

August 12, 2021

As of this date, the financial records, accounts, and files of the Secretary and Treasurer have been analyzed by the Audit Committee. Comparisons of the transactions relating to income and operating expenses have reconciled the accounts of the savings and commercial deposits and also reviewed the fidelity bond of the Secretary and Treasurer that is in the custody of the President's files and find them satisfactory, to the best of our knowledge and belief.



Lewis Clark, Legislative Chairman Connecticut State Firefighters Association P. O. Box 9 Mansfield Center, CT 06250

Subject: 2021 Legislative Report

Dear Mr. Chairman,

ZOOM!!!

Who would have thought one year ago that this one four letter word would change the way of doing the business of the Fire Service in CT, never mind the business of the world? That word was normally restricted to comic book superheroes.

The year 2020 was deemed to be a challenging year for the Fire Service. Legislatively, most of that process ground to a halt with the closing of the Capitol Campus in March of that year.

As the biennium years of 2021/2022 began after the 2020 election, the CT General Assembly decided to move forward with their legislative process. Only difference was that the Capitol Campus was still closed to the public. Lobbyists were not allowed in the buildings. Public hearings, committee meetings and legislative sessions were all held using a seldom used process labeled "ZOOM". All the legislative participants, which included elected officials, had to adapt. And adapt we did, including this writer.

The 2021 regular session started on January 6th and continued until June 9th. There was an additional three-day special session on June 15, 16, & 17. This was the long legislative session year, which means the adoption of any new legislative initiatives, as well as the continuation of previous programs. Among these initiatives is the adoption of a biennial budget, which does have some effect on the fire service.

I tracked 143 bills that were of a public safety nature, directly or indirectly affecting the Fire Service. Of that number, 27 bills that were positive to the Fire Service made it to the floor of the House or Senate, and 20 were passed. This includes the budget bill, which incorporates all the monies administered by the Connecticut State Firefighters Association (CSFA). All the funding administered directly through the CSFA (CSFA Disability Account, State & County Fire Radio Maintenance, Regional Fire School Operating Funds, and the Firefighters Fund (Cancer Wage Replacement)) were flat funded at the same level as the 2019 / 2021 budget.

At a pre-session legislative committee meeting of all of CT's Fire Service organizations, it was decided to continue to endorse the Capital Improvement Program for the 8 Regional Fire Schools - a \$72 million dollar project. It was suggested that we support additional bond funds for replacement of the Wolcott / Cheshire Fire School. Other issues were as follows:

- Legislation to eliminate the date of "1978" from the current residential smoke detector legislation.
- Legislation to increase the hourly renumeration rate for the Fire Service Instructor classification.
- Legislation that would forbid decreasing pension benefits if beneficiary is on disability.
- Oppose any legislation that would interfere with any aid to towns and cities.
- Provide a funding source for Regional Fire School operating budgets.

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All the above initiatives received public hearings, and all were able to get out of committee. Other proposals that were supported but failed were:

- House Bill #6304-Would have required a municipality to require just cause before the dismissal of a
 Fire Chief.
- House Bill #5188/Senate Bill 1024-Would have imposed an insurance surcharge to fund the Regional Fire School operating budgets.
- House Bill #5722-Would have allowed a personal income tax deduction for stipends paid to volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance members.

As was stated above, the Lamont Administration proposed flat funding all the monies administered by the CSFA. This proposal has been the common theme for the past 10+ years. We advocated for a 10% across the board increase for the Regional Fire Schools operating funds through the Appropriations committee public hearing process. Within their deliberations, it appeared that the committee took a concept within House Bill #5666, added a new line item into the DESPP budget that allowed for \$70,000 for each of the 2 years of the biennium for F/F 1 training. That funding can only be used by "distressed municipalities" and only at the Regional Fire schools. This process does not do exactly what we asked but does provide almost 10% more funding which must be used at the schools.

Another success was in the bonding monies needed for the Regional Fire School Capital Improvement project. Because of the delay in construction and inflationary issues, it was determined that additional funding was needed to be sure that the Wolcott / Cheshire school would be accomplished. After a meeting with the House Bonding Subcommittee Chairperson, we were able to accrue an additional \$5 Mil in the second year of the biennium within S. B. #6690.

Other legislative proposals of note that were successful are:

- Public Act #21-165 (H.B. 6600) Contains several Fire Marshal related changes to existing statutes.
 Deletes "1978" from smoke detector statutes, includes many language changes to Fire and Life Safety Codes, establishes the Code Training and Education Board, and incorporates the small boiler legislation of H.B. #6395.
- Public Act #21-191 (S.B. 837) PFAS legislation. Prohibits the continued use of PFAS firefighting foam (AFFF) effective 10/1/2021. Removes continual exposure to firefighters.
- Public Act #21-175 (H.B. 6484) Section 17 of this bill requires that all occupants of fire-fighting apparatus wear seat belts while the vehicle is moving.
- Public Act #21-134 (S.B. 102) Several additional EMS issues. Expands the organizations that may certify mental health first aid training programs.
- Public Act #21-2 (S.B. 1202 SPECIAL SESSION) Designated the Budget Implementer bill. Within this bill is an explanation of the grant process required for use of the \$70K/yr. for fire training for distressed municipalities, a process the DEEP Commissioner may establish radiation exposure guidelines for emergency responders, the DESPP Commissioner shall not require volunteer fire departments to pay a fee for criminal history checks per S.B. #119, provides up to \$1.35 Mil to support certain fire departments, and increases the Medicaid ambulance service rates by 10% and ambulance mileage rates for all transports by \$3.00.

I wish to thank all the members of the Legislative committees of all the Connecticut Fire Service organizations. It is through their participation that we can prevail. Once again, I must remind all firefighters that if you are interested in any specific legislation, please contact the legislative committee within your organization, or the Connecticut State Firefighters Association through your County Vice President.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Schroll Gr. 24

Ted Schroll Jr., Legislative Representative Connecticut State Firefighters Association

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September 18, 2021

Lewis Clark, Legislative Chairman Connecticut State Firefighters Association P. O. Box 9 Mansfield Center, CT 06250

Subject: 2021 Legislator Recognition

I wish to submit the following legislators for recognition at the 2021 Connecticut State Firefighters Association Annual State Convention. I am also enclosing my reasons for submission:

1. Representative Dorinda Borer

115th House District

(West Haven)

House Co-Chair General Bonding Subcommittee; Member-Finance, Banks & Public Safety Committees

 As a member of the Bonding Subcommittee and the Public Safety Committee, during the 2021 session Rep. Borer met with CSFA representatives and was instrumental in including \$5 Million for the Regional Fire Training Schools Capital Improvement Program within H.B. #6690 (Public Act 21-111) effective the second year of the 2021-2022 biennial budget.

2. Senator Dan Champagne

35th Senate District

(Ashford, Chaplin, Coventry, Eastford, Ellington, Hampton, Pomfret, Stafford, Tolland, Union, Vernon, Willington, Woodstock)

Assistant Republican Leader; Member—Education, Judiciary, P & D, & Public Safety Committees

 As Ranking member of the Public Safety Committee, Sen. Champagne introduced S.B. #119 that would exempt volunteer fire departments and volunteer ambulance services from the fee for criminal history record checks. That legislation was included in the budget implementer and passed within S.B. #1202 (Special Session Public Act 21-2) in the 2021 Special Session.

3. Representative Kara Rochelle

104th House District

(Ansonia, Derby)

Assistant Majority Leader, Member-Commerce, Higher Education, & Insurance Committees

 Rep. Rochelle introduced H.B. #5666 which would provide grants to distressed municipalities for firefighter training at the Regional Fire Training Schools. As a result, \$70,000 was included in each of the 2021 & 2022 budget years as a line item in the DESPP agency budget within H.B. #6689 (Public Act 21-15).

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Convention List

1884 Danbury	1931 West Haven	1978 Wethersfield
1885 New Haven	1932 Pawcatuck	1979 Uconn
1886 Bridgeport	1933 Old Saybrook	1980 Windsor
1887 Meriden	1934 Waterbury	1981 Wilton
1888 Norwich	1935 Plainfield	1982 Naugatuck
1889 Hartford	1936 Greenwich	1983 New London
1890 Waterbury	1937 Derby	1984 New Haven
1891 New Britain	1938 Milford	1985 Warehouse Point
1892 New Haven	1939 Bridgeport	1986 New London
1893 Danbury	1940 Danbury	1987 Derby
1894 Derby	1941 West Haven	1988 Manchester
1895 South Norwalk	1942 New Haven	1989 West Haven
1896 Willimantic	1943 Hartford	1990 Windsor Locks
1897 Middletown	1944 Groton	1991 Waterbury
1898 Stamdford	1945 West Haven	1992 West Haven
1899 New London	1946 Torrington	1993 New London
1900 Wallingford	1947 Naugatuck	1994 Wethersfield
1901 Hartford	1948 Norwalk	1995 Jewett City
1902 West Haven	1949 West Haven	1996 Broadbrook
1903 Branford	1950 New London	1997 Ansonia
1904 Erast Hartford	1951 Stamdford	1998 Cromwell-Portland-Westfield
1905 Meriden	1952 Naugatuck	1999 Derby
1906 West Haven	1953 Plainville	2000 East Haven
1907 New Haven	1954 New Haven / West Haven	2001 West Haven
1908 Norwich	1955 Bethel	2002 Thomaston
1909 New London	1956 Naugatuck	2003 Wethersfield
1910 Waterbury	1957 Bridgeport	2004 Cromwell
1911 Hjartford	1958 Waterbury	2005 Canaan
1912 New London	1959 New London	2006 Derby-Shelton-Ansonia
1913 West Haven	1960 New London	2007 Allingtown (West Haven)
1914 Greenwich	1961 Bethel	2008 Cromwell
1915 New Haven	1962 Torrington	2009 Morris-Litchfield-Bantam-Northfield
1916 Thompsonville	1963 Naugatuck	2010 New London County Fire Chiefs
1917 Hartford	1964 Plainville	2011 Clinton
1918 Bridgeport	1965 Stamford	2012 North Haven
1919 New Haven	1966 New London	2013 South Windsor
1920 Hartford	1967 Stamford	2014 Litchfield
1921 New Haven	1968 West Shore (West Haven)	2015 Beacon Hose Co. & Citizen Eng. Co.
1922 New Britain	1969 Plainville	2016 New London County Fire Chiefs
1923 Rockville	1970 Southington	2017 Taftville Fire Department
1924 West Haven	1971 Naugatuck	2018 Avon Fire Department
1925 New Haven	1972 Wethersfield	2019 Huntington Fire Department - Shelton
1926 New London	1973 Danbury	2020 CT. State Firefighters' Association
1927 West Haven	1974 Waterbury	2021 CT. State Firefighters' Association
1928 New Haven	1975 West Haven	2022 OPEN
1929 East Hartford	1976 New London	2023 OPEN
1930 Bridgeport	1977 Naugatuck	2024 OPEN
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The above list was compiled with assistance of the following: Past Presidents Richard Symonds, Theodore Schroll Ir., Robert Guthrie, The Connecticut Firemen's Historical Society, Fred Pommer, David Macy and the Connecticut Firemen Publication.

AGENDA 138TH ANNUAL CONVENTION CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION LABELLA VISTA PAVILION 380 FARMWOOD ROAD WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT

SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: 1030 hours by President William Halstead

MOTION: The Chair will entertain a motion to adjourn for 25 minutes for County Caucuses in order to elect County Vice Presidents. If a decision has not been reached in 25 minutes, then in accordance with the Bylaws, the Convention delegates will decide.

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS: by

NATIONAL ANTHEM: by

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: by President William Halstead

INVOCATION: by Father Kevin Donovan

GREETINGS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR: Honorable Governor Ned Lamont

GREETINGS FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT: Mr. Jeffrey Morrissette, State Fire Admin.

GREETINGS FROM THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE: President William Halstead

INTRODUCTION OF OTHER OFFICIALS:

Members of State Legislator

Past Presidents of Connecticut State Firefighters Association

Presidents of various Connecticut Fire Service Organizations

Mr. Peter Carozza - President - Uniformed Professional Firefighters Assn. of Conn.

Mr. Richard Hart - Legislative Rep. - Uniformed Professional Firefighters Assn. of Conn.

MOTION: The Chair will entertain a motion to accept and place on file all committee reports as printed in the Annual Report.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Father Kevin Donovan

PRESENTATION OF LEGISLATIVE AWARDS: President William Halstead & Leg Rep. Theodore Schroll Jr.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: P.P. Theodore Schroll Jr., Chairman-Credentials Committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

A). There is no Old Business to come before the Delegates. .

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1). MOTION: To continue payment to the 9 members already on the list of totally and permanently disabled firefighters.
- 2). MOTION: To accept the location of any other Conventions not yet committed.
- 3). ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS:
- A).
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ELECTION OF OFFICER'S OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOC.

- CHAPLAIN: 1). Reverend Kevin Donovan Glastonbury
 - 2). Reverend Mark Byers Thomaston

NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF TREASURER;

NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF ASST. TREASURER:

NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY:

NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF ASST. SECRETARY:

NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF SECOND VICE PRESIDENT:

NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF FIRST VICE PRESIDENT:

NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT:

PRESENTATION OF THE MERIT AWARDS: P.P. Charles M. Stankye III, Chairman - Merit Awards Committee

READING OF THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION: Secretary Gerald V. Schaffer (This includes all State Officers and County Vice Presidents.)

BENEDICTION: by the Father Mark Byers

IN MEMORIAM

DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

Firefighter Ricardo Torres Jr. New Haven Fire Department

Firefighter Colin McFadden
Burlington Volunteer Fire Department



ANNUAL REPORT JULY 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2021

STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMISSION ON FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL

James C. Rovella, Commissioner
Peter S. Carozza, Jr., Chairman
Kevin J. Kowalski, Vice Chairman
Richard H. Nicol, Secretary
Jeffrey J. Morrissette, State Fire Administrator

Established - 1975 Statutory authority - Conn. Gen. Statutes. Sec. 7-323

Central Office - Connecticut Fire Academy, 34 Perimeter Road, Windsor Locks, CT 06096

Average number of full-time employees - 12 (General Fund)

Organization structure - Office of State Fire Administration, Training Unit and Certification Unit

Division Mission

To prevent or mitigate the effects of fire and disasters through leadership and collaboration with municipalities, fire departments and regional fire schools by delivery of quality consulting services, technical assistance, training, education and professional competency certification of career and volunteer fire service personnel.

Statutory Authority

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§ 7-323(j) - 7-323(s) the Commission is charged with and has primary responsibility for training, public fire and life safety education and professional competency certification for members of Connecticut's fire service.

COMMISSION ON FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL

Appointed members of the Commission represent the statewide fire service organizations and serve to advise the Commissioner. The Commission on Fire Prevention and Control (CFPC) serves as the state's focal point for fire service training, public fire and life-safety education and professional competency testing and certification for members of Connecticut's fire service.

Office of State Fire Administration

The Office of State Fire Administration provides overall coordination, management and support of division activities and facilities including the administration of grants. The Office offers consulting services to communities regarding fire department administration and operations. Oversight of the Statewide Fire Rescue Disaster Response Plan continued as a priority, with staff serving as Fire Service Liaisons to the State Emergency Operations Center during statewide emergencies and exercises. County Fire Coordinator portable radios were upgraded to Motorola APX 6000 units. Also, Coordinator Hotspot Router MiFi devices were upgraded to operate on the FirstNet network. The Office actively supports the Connecticut Statewide Honor Guard, ensuring Connecticut honors its fallen firefighters and their family members, consistent with the professions highest standards. Communication, collaboration and coordination continues with the nine independent Regional Fire Schools. Further, the Office coordinates the state's Regional Foam Trailer program with eight local fire departments hosting these resources and responding to emergencies requiring firefighting foam. We are actively engaged with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) in research, outreach and guidance regarding the impact of AFFF firefighting foam containing Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances PFAS. The AFFF Take-Back Program for municipalities began in May and will continue to completion in early September. Work has begun on the second phase of the project that entails draining and decontamination of state and municipal fire apparatus with on-board foam systems. Upon completion, we expect to collect and dispose of approximate 40,000 gallons of this cancer causing substance. Construction and installation of a high-rise fire prop in the Academy's Training Tower was completed using federal grant funds. Also, a grant funded mobile ventilation/forcible entry and replacement SCBA Confidence Maze trailer received late the previous fiscal year were place into operation to support firefighter training. Communications and information dissemination to fire service constituents continued primarily through expanded use of social media and the CFPC email Listsery. COVID-19 continued to have a profound impact upon division operations forcing a reduced training schedule. The impact to the delivery of training and certification services as compared to previous years is evidenced in the metrics below.

Training Division (Connecticut Fire Academy)

The Training Division delivers a wide range of training and education programs, extending from the comprehensive 15-week resident Recruit Firefighter Training program to Fire Officer and technical specialty level courses, many with collegiate transfer credits. Courses are available for delivery throughout the state at local fire stations, Regional Fire Schools and at the Connecticut Fire Academy campus in Windsor Locks.

During FY 21, the Training Division delivered 218 training programs reaching 2,732 students, providing 124,961 contact hours. In addition to training activity, the Division continued administration of N-95 respirator fit testing services, supporting the COVID response by healthcare professionals. A total of 2,909 individual tests were administered at 118 sessions statewide. In addition, as a licensed entity, the Division continued to offer Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) to municipalities to assist in identifying future firefighters with the capability of career and lifelong success. This past year, 665 candidates registered with 445 passing for an overall passing rate of 66.9%. Charter Oak State College continues to approve 22

CFA training programs for collegiate transfer credit adding value to our students. Collaboration with the Military Department and Department of Public Health at the New England Disaster Training Center (Camp Hartell) located in Windsor Locks, provides unique training opportunities for all emergency responders. A new partnership was established with Hero to Hero enabling active duty military personnel to register and attend the CFA Recruit Firefighter Training Program, providing a pathway for veterans to transition to the first responder civilian workforce. The incumbent Director of Fire Training, William Higgins retired in October, 2020 leaving the position vacant through the remainder of the fiscal year. His successor, P.J. Norwood was selected and began service on July2, 2021.

Certification Unit

The Certification Unit assesses fire service personnel in areas ranging from basic firefighting skills to technical rescue specialties, and from instructional methodology to executive officer leadership including instructional methodology, curriculum development, public education and fire prevention. This knowledge and skills evaluation of specific competencies legitimizes the pre-requisite training requirements and instruction associated with fire service-related training courses and education. The certification process is an independent third party evaluation of requisite firefighter skills, developed from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), in support of the statewide fire service educational framework developed from the same standards. The certification process ensures emergency services personnel are better qualified to conduct significant incidents, while routinely operating in highly hazardous exposure areas, when serving the citizens of Connecticut.

The Certification Unit retains accreditation by two international entities, The National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications (ProBoard) and International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC). Accreditation of the certification process validates the professionalism and commitment of full and part-time staff, and provides portability to our customers as they pursue careers in the fire service. The Division Director attended the annual Pro Board and IFSAC Conferences virtually in FY 2021.

As with training related activities, the beginning of FY21 was negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Although as our testing operations resumed at the end of FY20, there was very little demand for classes and examinations at the start of the year. The 4th Quarter of FY21 brought out testing numbers back to pre-pandemic normal levels. We anticipate this trend to continue in FY22. The Certification Unit conducted 27 NFPA 1403 compliant Live Fire Training audits, 100 psychomotor skills examinations, 147 cognitive examinations, and 9 ADA compliant examinations; including foreign language examinations, assessing candidates in FY 2021 resulting in 1706 Pro Board and IFSAC accredited certifications. The overall written examination success rate was 81 percent. In addition, the Unit developed and administered (7) promotional examinations for municipalities. With our partner, Office of Higher Education computer laboratories being shut down due to COVID, our unit was not able to continue providing computer based cognitive testing. With the recent purchase of cache of computer tablets we are confident computer testing will resume in FY22 utilizing both Regional Fire Schools and local fire department facilities that can support internet access.

REQUEST FOR BENEFIT CLAIM PAPERS CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC. P.O. BOX 9

MANSFIELD CENTER. CT. 06250 TEL (860) 423-5799

Please print all information

FIRE DEPT. INFORMATION

Fire Department	·				
Address		FAX		Phone	
City	Zîp	Coun	ty		
Chief	·			Date	<u> </u>
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City:		<u>.,</u>	State	Zip	<u> </u>
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Sick ()	Hurt ()		Killed ()	
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Date put off duty		N.F.I.R.S. #			
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RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that the following rates for payment of benefits to members of the Connecticut State Firefighters Association, Inc. are effective May 20, 2021 until further notice as prescribed by the current By-Laws of the Association.

Temporary Disability Benefits -

Article IX, Section XII – rate set at \$27.00 per day for career firefighter, 5 days per week, first 7 days omitted.

rate set at \$33.00 per day for volunteer firefighter, 6 days per week.

Total Permanent Disability Benefit -

Article X, Section 1h – rate set at \$27.00 per day for career firefighter, 5 days.

rate set at \$33.00 per day for volunteer firefighter, 6 days.

Total Permanent Disability Children Benefit — Article X, Section II — rate set at \$175.00 per week - (\$25.00 per day).

Line of Duty Death Benefit —
Article XI, Section 1a(1) — rate set at \$20,000.00, maximum benefit.

Surviving Dependent Children Benefit – Article XI, Section 1a(2) (a) – rate set at \$175.00 per week, (\$25.00 per day).

Voted unanimously by the Executive Committee at the Connecticut State Firefighters Association, Inc meeting held at Southington, Connecticut on *May 20, 2021*

Attest:

Gerald V. Schaffer

May 20, 2021



Membership Application:

Date:
Administrative Staff Membership:ChiefDeputy ChiefAsst. ChiefBatt. ChiefDistrict ChiefFire MarshalDeputy Fire MarshalFire InspTraining DivisionFire Prevention DivisionFire Alarm DivisionOther
Company Membership:Fire DepartmentEngineLadder/TowerRescueOther
Name:
Department you are Associated with:
Billing / Department Address:
Chief of Department Signature:
Home Address:
Approved by Executive Committee on:
****Company Membership Dues: - \$80.00
****Administrative Staff Membership Dues: - \$35.00
MAIL APPLICATION TO:
Connecticut State Firefighters' Association

Mansfield Center, Connecticut 06250

State of Connecticut

Line of Duty Death Support

Public Safety Officers Benefit (PSOB) Information Available through the Connecticut Statewide Honor Guard

While it is hoped that your organization will never need it, the PSOB system is managed by the Department of Justice, it will provide death, disability and education benefits to the survivors of fallen police officers, firefighters and first responders. The Connecticut Statewide Honor Guard in conjunction with Local Assistance State Team (LAST) is the best two prong approach for any department dealing with a Line of Duty Death. (LODD). They have several members that have taken the PSOB benefit training program as well as two members associated with the honor guard who tech the PSOB program across the country. To obtain additional support or information regarding the PSOB you should contact Jeff Morrissette, State Fire Administrator at (860-623-6363, Ext. 230 or jeffmorrissette@ct.gov who will direct you to the Commander of the Statewide Honor Guard.

https://www.psob.gov/files/PSOB-FS.pdf

https://www.firehero.org/resources/department/last



APPLICATION TO THE MERIT AWARDS COMMITTEE

Department:	Date:		
Chief of Department:			
Applicants Name:			
Nominees Name:	Address:		
Nominees Rank:	Assignment:		
Time of Incident:	Weather:		
Describe Incident:			
	Clothing:		
	- If so describe the injuries:		
Name & Address & Phone Number of any witne	esses of the incident:		
Recommendation of the Chief of the Departme	ent:		
Include the Names, Addresses & Phone Number	ers of any Police Officers or Civilians who may have been		
•	uly 1 st of each year. Please include any pictures, news to the Merit Awards Committee.		
Send application and any reports or pictures to			
Connecticut State Firefighters Assn. P.O. Box 9 Mansfield Center. Connecticut 06250			

The Hall of Fame Award was created April 9, 2009 to recognize, and honor, members of the Fire Service both living and deceased who have contributed to the betterment of the Fire Service locally, statewide and nationally.

All of the honorees were recognized after being nominated by their peers in the Fire Service. We also recognize the history of the Connecticut State Firefighters Association and the foresight of the nine "Founding Fathers" who created the organization on March 24, 1885 as listed in Connecticut Senate Resolution No. 26.

Class of 2009

C.A. Gerdenier, Bridgeport
A.C. Hendrick, New Haven
W.B. Thomas, New London
H.P. Stevens, Danbury
Issac B. Hyatt, Meriden
Samuel C. Snagg, Waterbury
John S. Jones, Westport
Henry J. Eaton, Hartford
Joseph B. Carrier, Norwich

Class of 2010

Father Thomas Berberich, Kent
Allan Bowkett, Thomaston
Edward J. Cotter Jr., Derby
Andrew J. Flanagan, New Haven
James R. Guthrie, West Haven
Chester J. Haber, Berlin
Edward F. Haber, Berlin
Lawrence P. Hurlbut, Winchester
Walter (Corky) O'Connor, New Britain
Howard G. Reynolds, Eagleville
Theodore H. Schroll Jr., Wethersfield
John Shanaghan, East Haddam
Leno (Hank) Vescovi, Groton-Submarine Base

Class of 2012

Clifford Brammer, Thomaston
Walter Brocar, New Haven
O'Neil S. Burrows, Watertown
Robert J. Chatfield, Prospect
William Coffey, Danbury
Donald Lewis, West Haven
Joe Moehring, Stamford
Thomas Murphy, Southington
Gerald V. Schaffer, Eagleville/ Mansfield
William Schietinger, Bridgeport
George Thompson Jr., Eagleville/Mansfield

Raymond Gergler, Eagleville
Ernest N. Herrick, Eagleville
Clinton Hughes, Wethersfield
William S. Johnson, West Haven
Avery W. Lamphier, Watertown
John J. McAuliffe Jr., Wethersfield
Robert (Red) McKeon, Occum
Richard P. Sylvia, Darien

Class of 2011

Peter Beckwith, Manchester
Ernest Bunnell, Northfield
Robert Cady, Lebanon
Peter Carozza, Waterbury
James Doherty, Cheshire
Charles Freimuth, Terryville
James Grote, Chester
William Halstead, Sandy Hook
Adrian (Andy) Ouellette, Broadbrook
Peter Phelan, Milford
Raymond Shea, West Hartford
Charles M. Stankye Jr., Derby

Class of 2013

Lewis R. Clark, Morris
Charles H. Davin, Monroe
Clyde Finger, Bethel
Michael Grant, New Haven
Robert J. Guthrie, West Haven
Alan R. Hawkins, Mansfield
Charles McInerney, Westfield
Paul M. Metsack, Ashford
Scott Potter, Thomaston
John Reardon, New Haven
Ronald J. Samul, New London



Hall of Fame Application

Is the nominee currently affiliated with the Fire Service? YES NO Explain:
Career: Volunteer: What County is nominee from?
Is the nominee living? YES NO If no what year did the nominee die?
Nominee and /or living family address:
Submitters name: Title: Telephone:
Submitters mailing address:
Signature of Submitter: Submitters email:
Signature of Chief of Department: Dept_name:
Date of submission:
Nomination submissions and attachments become the property of the Connecticut State Firefighters Association.
All submissions will be held for three (3) years, if nominee is not selected in the first year submission. ALL nomination packets must be received no later than November 1, 2019.
Mail Nomination packets to: Connecticut State Firefighters Association Attn: Hall of Fame Committee P:O. Box 9 Mansfield Center, Connecticut 06250 Questions/Concerns: call 860-423-5799 or www.csfa.org
For Office Use Only: Application received: Application reviewed: Action taken 1 st . reading: 2 nd . reading: 3 rd . reading: Submitter notified: Nominee notified: CSFA President notified: Year of induction:



APPLICATION TO THE MERIT AWARDS COMMITTEE

Department:	Telephone:				
Chief of Department:					
Applicants Name:					
Nominees Name:	Address:				
Nominees Rank:	Assignment:				
Time of Incident:	1				
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Was the Nominee wearing Personal Protection	ve Clothing:				
Was the Nominee injured during the incident? - If so describe the injuries:					
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Applications must be submitted no later than articles, or reports that may be of importance	n July 1 st of each year. Please include any pictures, news te to the Merit Awards Committee.				
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UPCOMING CONVENTION SCHEDULE

2021 - CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSN.

2022 - OPEN

2023 - OPEN

2024 - OPEN

2025 - ORANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT