

ANNUAL REPORT
Of the
OFFICERS
Of the
CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION



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ANNUAL CONVENTION
THOMASTON, CONNECTICUT

15 - 17 September 2023

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CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

MISSION STATEMENT

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.

2022

CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

ASSOCIATION PHONE NUMBER
(860) 423-5799

MAILING ADDRESS
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OFFICERS

Edward Waido, President	East Lyme
Glenn Clark, 1st Vice President	Thomaston
Kenneth Mitchell, 2nd Vice President	Ansonia
Gerald V. Schaffer, Secretary	Mansfield Center
P.P. Theodore Schroll Jr., Assistant Secretary	Wethersfield
William Coffey, Treasurer	Danbury
Karin Halstead, Assistant Treasurer	Sandy Hook

CHAPLAINS

Reverend Kevin Donovan	Wolcott
Reverend Mark Byers	Thomaston
Reverend Thomas Berberich - Chaplain-Emeritus	Kent

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John Plofkin	Fairfield County
Gary Ruggiero	Hartford County
James Koser	Litchfield County
Burt Hale	Middlesex County
Timothy Wall	New Haven County
Timothy Jencks	New London County
Alex Moore	Tolland County
Lloyd Niles	Windham County

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

P.P. Lewis Clark, Chairman	Morris
P.p. John Carew., Legislative Consultant	West Haven
P.P. Frank Hilbert	Mystic
P.P. James O'Neil	Thomaston
Ronald Stolz	Yantic
David Hardt	Watertown
All County Vice Presidents	

AUDIT COMMITTEE

P.P. James O'Neil, Chairman	Thomaston
P.P. Fritz Hilbert	Mystic
V.P. Glenn Clark	Thomaston
George Thompson Jr.	Storrs

CONVENTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Francis Jones III	Shelton
Joseph Navin	Mashentucket
Michael Kelleher	Derby
Jeff Rudzavice	Watertown

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE E.M.S. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

P.P. Robert Guthrie	West Haven
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COMMISSION ON FIRE PREVENTION & CONTROL

P.P. Frank Hilbert	Mystic
P.P. Charles M. Stankye III	Derby

MERIT AWARDS COMMITTEE

P.P. Charles M. Stankye III, Chairman	Derby
P.P. Paul McAllister	Danbury
P.P. James Wilkinson	Milford
P.P. James O'Neil	Thomaston
Treasurer William Coffey	Danbury
C.V.P. James Koser	Litchfield
David Bunnell	Middlebury
Charles Doback	Naugatuck

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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P.P. Theodore Schroll Jr	Wethersfield
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Ronald Stolz	Yantic
Steven McMahon	Avon
David Bunnell	Middlebury
Jennifer Atkins	North Haven
Matt Belval	Thomaston

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

P.P. Ernest Herrick, Past Chairman Emeritus	Storrs
Paul Walsh - Co - Chairman	New Britain
Edward J. Urbansky - Co-Chairman	Sikorsky Aircraft
Gerald Schaffer - Secretary	Mansfield
William Coffey - Treasurer	Danbury
V.P. Glenn Clark	Thomaston
P.P. John Carew	West Haven
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Jamie DiPace	Avon
Edward P. Urbansky Jr.	Glastonbury
Timothy Wall	Wallingford
Robert Reis	Ashford
John Walsh	Willimantic
Kevin Cooney	South Windsor
Hal Grout	East Hartford
James Trzaski	South District - Middletown
Tim Pelton	Cheshire
Kenneth Beliveau	East Granby

REPRESENTAIVES TO FLANAGAN MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

P.P. Stephan Brown	Windsor Locks
P.P. Thomas Murphy	Southington

REPRESENTATIVES NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL

P.P. Robert Guthrie - Delegate	West Haven
P.P. Lewis Clark - Alternate	Morris

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

C.V.P. Timothy Wall, Chairman	Wallingford
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HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

Asst. Treasurer Karin Halstead, Co Chairman	Sandy Hook
P.P. Lewis Clark, Co. Chairman	Morris
William Davin	Monroe
John Plofkin	Nichols
James Trzaski	South Fire District, Middletown

HALL OF FAME SELECTION COMMITTEE

P.P. Lewis Clark, Chairman	Morris
P.P. Fritz Hilbert	Mystic
P.P. James Wilkinson	Milford
P.P. Scott Potter	Thomaston
William Davin	Monroe

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Edward Waido, President	Connecticut State Firefighters Assn.
Jeffrey Morrisette, State Fire Administrator	Connecticut Fire Academy
P.J. Norwood, Director of Training	Connecticut Fire Academy
Charles Stankye III	Commission on Fire Prevention & Control
Andrew Cooke - Chairman	Middlesex County Fire School
V.P. Glenn Clark - Vice Chairman	Connecticut State Firefighters Assn
William Coffey - Treasurer	Connecticut State Firefighters Assn
Scott Bisson	Fairfield Regional Fire School
Denis McCarthy	Fairfield Regional Fire School
Nick Wallick	Eastern Connecticut Fire School
Leslie Shull Jr.	Eastern Connecticut Fire School
James Baldis	Hartford County Regional Fire School
Craig Stegmaier	Hartford County Regional Fire School
Richard Winn	Litchfield County Regional Fire School
John Fields	Litchfield County Regional Fire School
Fred Dudek	Middlesex County Fire School
John Alston Jr.	New Haven Regional Fire Academy
Chris Zyskowski	New Haven Regional Fire Academy
Nick DeAngelo	Stamford Fire Department Regional School
Joe Dombrowski	Stamford Fire Department Regional School
James Vincent	Valley Fire Chiefs Regional Fire School
Kenneth Mitchell	Valley Fire Chiefs Regional Fire School
Scott Poulton	Wolcott State Fire School
Craig Henderson	Wolcott State Fire School



CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Statistics from the Office of the Secretary for 2022 – 2023

MEMBERSHIP

Year	Volunteer	Career	Total
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
FY 2021/2022	22,225	4,150	26,375
FY 2022/2023	21,750	4,150	25,900

STATE OF CONNECTICUT APPROPRIATIONS FOR BENEFITS TO MEMBERS

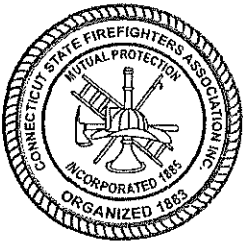
	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21	FY 21/22	FY 22/23
Appropriation	\$184,976.00	\$184,976.00	\$176,625.00	\$176,625.00	\$176,625.00	\$176,625.00	\$206,625.00
Permanent Disability	\$48,384.50	\$51,064.00	\$49,592.00	\$ 51,248.00	\$ 51,427.00	\$ 69,813.00	\$ 69,930.00
Dependent Children	\$26,422.00	\$22,995.00	\$22,995.00	\$ 23,058.00	\$ 22,995.00	\$ 51,350.00	\$ 73,000.00
Death Claims	\$18,375.00	\$0.00	\$ 0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,123.00	\$ 30,000.00
Injury Claims	\$14,610.75	\$12,441.00	\$ 31,880.00	\$ 30,222.00	\$ 16,625.00	\$ 48,339.00	\$ 33,695.00
Total Payments	\$107,792.25	\$ 86,500.00	\$104,467.00	\$104,528.00	\$ 90,687.00	\$176,625.00	\$206,625.00
Balance of	\$ 77,183.75	\$ 98,476.00	\$ 72,158.00	\$ 72,097.00	\$ 85,938.00	\$ 0.00	\$0.00

DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF THE ASSOCIATION

DeMaio, Helen, 6 June 2030 - Gadowski, Kody, 28 September 2034 - Millix, Tyler, 21 February 2026 - Millix, William, 13 August 2034 - Smat, Cole, 31 May 2026 - Martinez, Oliver, 28 May 2038 - Martinez, Crew, 23 August 2039 - Valasquez, Salina, 4 November 2026

HAZARDOUS EXPOSURE FORMS ON FILE

2013 - 18 - 2014 - 273 - 2015 - 52 - 2016 - 21 - 2017 - 18
2018 - 138 - 2019 - 83 - 2020 - 92 - 2021 - 176 - 2022 - 48

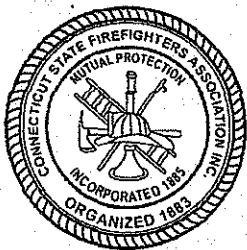


CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Office of the Treasurer

Annual State Convention – 2023 Treasurer's Report of Association Funds 2022-2023

	Year Ending April 30, 2021	Year Ending April 30, 2022	Year Ending April 30, 2023
INCOME:			
Dues, Assessments & Fees	\$67,642.50	\$66,665.00	\$73,975.00
Interest on Savings Accounts	\$ 0.00	\$ 42.86	\$ 43.16
Hall of Fame Dinner	<u>\$1915.00</u>	<u>\$71,456.00</u>	<u>\$27,355.00</u>
Total Receipts:	\$69,557.50	\$138,163.86	\$101,373.16
EXPENSES:			
General Operating	\$52,180.44	\$59,850.00	\$62,266.25
Filing Fee for IRS 501-C3	\$ 0.00	\$ 895.00	\$ 915.00
President's Reception	\$1000.00	\$1000.00	\$ 1000.00
National Vol Fire Council Meeting Exps	\$ 0.00	\$ 5677.78	\$ 2349.57
Hall of Fame Dinner	\$ 0.00	\$ 63,481.17	\$24,006.62
Transfer to Savings	\$5000.00	\$0.00	\$ 0.00
Re-purchased CD's	\$ n/a	\$ n/a	\$ n/a
Purchased CD (Hall of Fame Profit)	<u>\$ n/a</u>	<u>\$ n/a</u>	<u>\$ n/a</u>
Total Expenditures:	\$58,180.44	\$130,003.00	\$90,487.47
NET GAIN	\$11,377.06	\$8,160.86	\$10,885.69
BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES:			
Checking-Bank of America-Assoc Funds	\$11,377.06	\$16,603.88	\$27,450.00
Savings-Bank of America-Assoc Funds	\$26,563.44	\$11,219.79	\$11,220.65
Conv Bonds-Bank of America	<u>\$7562.02</u>	<u>\$ 7562.62</u>	<u>\$ 7563.28</u>
Sub Total Assets in all Accounts:	\$45,502.52	\$35,385.29	\$46,233.93
CD Invest-M&T Bank-various maturities:			
1. Fireman's Memorial (1)	\$12,494.15	\$12,509.52	\$12,524.43
2. CSFA Operational Acct (3)	\$18,997.51	\$19,017.32	\$19,034.33
3. Hall of Fame (4)	\$6541.94	\$ 6549.12	\$ 6550.89
Sub Total Certificates with M&T Bank	\$38,033.60	\$38,075.96	\$38,109.65
Total Both Accounts	\$83,536.12	\$73,461.25	\$84,343.58



CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

TO: Officers and Members of the Connecticut State Firefighters Association
FROM: Audit Committee
SUBJECT: Annual Audit of Records
DATE: August 15, 2023

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.

Frank C. Miller
[Signature]

Witness:

Donald R. Scayne

Connecticut State Firefighters Assoc.

Post Office Box 9

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August 1,2023

Sujit:2023 Legislative session report

Attached is the end of the 2023 legislative session report.

The CSFA hybrid approach of having a paid Lobbyist(Powers,Griffin and Hill) and Legislative liaison working with the other fire service organizations has produced some positive results this past legislative session.This session started with a different approach by narrowing down our list of "needs vs wants" and then having pre session conversations with legislative leaders to make sure we had the correct people to talk with. Yes there is more work coming in the next legislative session but the groundwork has been laid showing that when the Connecticut Fire Service Organizations work together we can have positive results working with our elected officials in Hartford.

Respectfully Submitted

John Carew

Legislative Liaison

CSFA Past President

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TO: CT State Firefighters Association, in coordination with the Joint Council of Fire Service Organizations of Connecticut re: 2023 Year-end Final Legislative Report.

Legislation of note to the Fire Services in Connecticut:

*** HB 6941 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2025, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO REVENUE AND OTHER ITEMS IMPLEMENTING THE STATE BUDGET.**

- § 53 — AMBULANCE RATES

Requires the DPH commissioner to increase the maximum allowable rates by 10% in FY 24 for licensed and certified ambulance services, invalid coaches, and paramedic intercept services

§§ 162-165 — FIREFIGHTERS CANCER RELIEF BENEFITS

Generally requires that firefighters who have certain cancers and meet other specified criteria receive workers' compensation-like benefits and disability retirement benefits that are paid by a municipality and then reimbursed from a state account; creates the Firefighter Cancer Relief Fund Advisory Committee to annually evaluate the account; and requires the treasurer to annually report on the status of the account and the existing Firefighters Cancer Relief Program

- §41(b)10 — PFAS Remediation Grants

Provides DESPP grants (\$3,000,000 in total) to municipalities for remove PFAS from fire apparatus

- §41(b)36 – Fire Services Study Funding

Provides DESPP funding (\$250,000) to study issues facing fire services in the state

- Increases to requested levels, funding for Fire Schools

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Fire Training School - Willimantic	242,176	242,176
Fire Training School - Torrington	172,267	172,267
Fire Training School - New Haven	108,364	108,364
Fire Training School - Derby	50,639	50,639
Fire Training School - Wolcott	171,162	171,162
Fire Training School - Fairfield	127,501	127,501
Fire Training School - Hartford	176,836	176,836
Fire Training School - Middletown	70,970	70,970
Fire Training School - Stamford	75,541	75,541
Volunteer Firefighter Training	140,000	140,000

*** HB 6838 An Act Establishing A Division Of Fire Services Administration Within The Department Of Emergency Services And Public Protection, Revising The Powers And Duties Of The Commission On Fire Prevention And Control And Requiring A Study Of The Fire Service In The State.**

- This bill died by referral, but the provisions related to the study of the fire service of it were included in the aforementioned budgetary legislation.

*** HB 6841 An Act Concerning Firefighter Recruitment And Retention.**

- This bill was introduced by the CSFA with help from Rep. Boyd and Public Safety Committee, provisions of the bill were seen as a work in progress, and it was referred from the floor to the Appropriations committee where it died from inaction, but talks with necessary parties involved in the legislation will continue into the next year.

*** HB 5250 (HB 6070 Similar) An Act Establishing A Grant Program To Reimburse Municipalities For Costs Related To Removal Of PFAS From Fire Apparatus.**

- this bill and its provisions were testified on in front of the Appropriations committee, the Committee included the requested ballpark estimate of 3mil\$ to remediate apparatus in the State Budget.

*** SB 937 An Act Providing Workers' Compensation Benefits For Certain Cancers In Firefighters.**

- this bill was negotiated with the UPFFA and stakeholders.

*** SB 999 An Act Increasing The Uniform Assessment Rate For Property Tax.**

- this bill was turned into a study but would have the potential to affect Fire Districts.

HB 5359 An Act Concerning Fire Marshals Carrying Pistols Or Revolvers While Performing Their Duties.

- This bill died in Committee through inaction.

HB 5501 An Act Concerning Alternative Physical Ability Testing Requirements For Female Candidates For Firefighter Positions.

- This bill died in Committee through inaction.

HB 6846

An Act Concerning A Study Of The Effectiveness Of The Implementation Of Crisis Response Drills In Public Schools And Their Effect On Children's Mental Health

- This bill was signed by the Governor, the bill as amended eliminates provisions that would have *reduced* the number of required fire drills to two per school year, instead requiring seven per year, as negotiated with CFMA.

SB 100 An Act Establishing An Account In The General Fund To Provide Grants To Towns That Need PFAS Testing And Remediation.

- This bill was signed by the Governor

HB 5227 (HB 5166 Similar, HB 5419 Similar)

An Act Establishing A Personal Income Tax Deduction For Stipends Paid To Volunteer Firefighters And Volunteer Ambulance Members.

- This bill did not pass out of Committee and thus died from inaction, along with similar legislation.

HB 5493 An Act Concerning Payments To Volunteer Fire Companies For Responding To Calls In State Parks.

- This bill did not pass out of Committee and thus died from inaction, along with similar legislation.

*** denotes priority**

IN MEMORIAM

DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

**Chief George Brown
Muddy Brook Volunteer Fire Department**

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DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

**Firefighter Matthias Wirtz
North Haven Fire Department**

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 Stamford	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 East Hartford	1951 Stamford	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 Hartford	1958 Waterbury	2005 Canaan
1912 New London	1959 New London	2006 Derby-Shelton-Ansonia
1913 West Haven	1960 New London	2007 Allington (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 Yantic Fire Department
1929 East Hartford	1976 New London	2023 Thomaston Fire Department
1930 Bridgeport	1977 Naugatuck	2024 West Haven Fire Departments
		2025 Orange Fire Department

The above list was compiled with assistance of the following: Past Presidents Richard Symonds, Theodore Schroll Jr., Robert Guthrie, The Connecticut Firemen's Historical Society, Fred Pommer, David Macy and the Connecticut Firemen Publication.

AGENDA
140TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION
THOMASTON HIGH SCHOOL
185 BRANCH ROAD
THOMASTON, CONNECTICUT

SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: 1030 hours by President Edward Waido

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 Thomaston Fire Department Color Guard

NATIONAL ANTHEM: by Soloist Heidi Doolan

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: by President Edward Waido

INVOCATION: by Father Kevin Donovan

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

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

GREETINGS FROM THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE: Asst. Chief John Albrecht

INTRODUCTION OF OTHER OFFICIALS:

Town of Thomaston - First Selectman Edmond Mone
Members of State Legislator
Past Presidents of Connecticut State Firefighters Association
Presidents of various Connecticut Fire Service Organizations
Mr. Peter Brown - President - Uniformed Professional Firefighters Assn. of Conn.
Mr. Jeffrey Tomchik - 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 Edward Waido & Leg Rep. John Carew

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: P.P. Vaughan Dumas, 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).

B).

C).

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

PAST PRESIDENTS

*Charles A. Gardenier	Bridgeport 1884 – 1886	*Joseph F. Farr	New Britain 1954
*Albert C. Hendrick	New Haven 1886 - 1888	*Robert F. Probst	South Kensington 1955
*Isaac B. Hyatt	Meriden 1888 - 1889	*Patrick M. Sherwin	Bridgeport 1956
*Nicholas Staub	New Milford 1890 - 1892	*William J. Canty	Burrville 1957
*Andrew J. Kennedy	New Haven 1892	*Frank R. Burnes	Hartford 1958
*Henry J. Eaton	Hartford 1893	*Howard G. Reynolds	Eagleville 1959
*William C. Smith	New Haven 1894	*Leno Vescovi	Groton 1960
*Morris Meyers	Danbury 1895	*Jack Smith	Milford 1961
*Clarence E. Palmer	Bridgeport 1896	*J. Franklyn Dunn	Middletown 1962
*Howard L. Stanton	Norwich 1897	*James A. McDermott	Danbury 1963
*Charles H. O'Neil	New Haven 1898	*George H. Thompson	Willimantic 1964
*George S. Pitt	Middletown 1899	*Anthony M. Rosso	Kensington 1965
*George Bowman	Stamford 1900	*John H. Tweed	Branford 1966
*John R. David	Hartford 1901	*Allan Bowkett	Thomaston 1967
*Thomas A. Gostel	Thomaston 1901	*Mortimer Swanson	New Britain 1968
*Edwin O. Goodwin	East Hartford 1903	*Benjamin Muzio	Staffordville 1969
*John F. Downey	Wallingford 1904	*Michael W. Carey	Bridgeport 1970
*George F. Beardslee	Bridgeport 1905	*Clinton L. Hughes	Wethersfield 1971
*Archibald McDonald	Putnam 1906	*Carl P. Sawyer	Groton 1972
*William B. Perkins	New Haven 1907	*John R. Northrup	Milford 1973
*John H. Hayes	Bristol 1908	*Maurice F. McCarthy, Sr.	Waterbury 1974
*Elbert W. Clark	South Norwalk 1909	*James R. Guthrie	West Haven 1975
*Anthony W. Bolan	Hartford 1910	*John J. Keenan	Stamford 1976
*P.F. Redmond	New Haven 1911	*Robert McKeon	Occum Norwich 1977
*John D. Milne	Norwalk 1912	*Donald E. Griffin	Hebron 1978
*James J. Toomey	New Britain 1913	*Charles Freimuth, Jr.	Terryville 1979
*M.J. Dailey	Bridgeport 1914	*Peter F. Phelan, Jr.	Milford 1980
*Wade U. Webster	Willimantic 1915	*Ernest N. Herrick	Eagleville 1981
*Thomas W. Bennison	South Manchester 1916	*John E. Riordan	Middletown 1982
*D.W. Harford	Norwalk 1917	*John J. McAuliffe	Wethersfield 1983
*Charles E. Shackley	Stonington 1918	*Raymond A. Schaefer	Groton 1984
*Wm. Fenner Woodward	Danielson 1919	*Joseph Iacuone	Derby 1985
*Joseph E. Kelley	New Haven 1920	Paul G. Guilbert	Wilton 1986
*M.T. Souncy	New Britain 1921	*Jon Andresen	Windsor 1987
*George B. Milne	Rockville 1922	*John Griffin	Hartford 1988
*W.F. Nolan	Hartford 1923	Richard N. Symonds, Jr.	Tolland 1989
*Charles J. Heineman	Meriden 1924	Maurice F. McCarthy, Jr.	Waterbury 1990
*Charles H. Rose	New London 1925	Theodore H. Schroll, Jr.	Wethersfield 1991
*Edward J. Foley	Bridgeport 1926	*William S. Johnson	West Haven 1992
*James C. McCoy	Waterbury 1927	*Charles M. Stankye, Jr.	Derby 1993
*William P. Carleton	New Haven 1928	James Morotto	Waterbury 1994
*William J. Crockett	South Manchester 1929	Clifford P. Brammer	Thomaston 1995
*Michael J. Whalen	Hamden 1930	Paul McAllister	Danbury 1996
*William H. Daley	Hartford 1931	David Dagon	East Hartford 1997
*Thomas C. Bracken	Branford 1932	Charles M. Stankye, III	Derby 1998
*William E. Sheehy, Jr.	Shelton 1933	Donald Charette	Waterbury 1999
*John H. Griffin	Norfolk 1934	*Ernest Bunnell	Northfield 2000
*Calvin N. Edmonds	New London 1935	*O'Neil Burrows	Watertown 2001
*Eugene J. Mulligan	New Haven 1936	Scott Potter	Thomaston 2002
*John J. Sullivan	East Hartford 1937	Scott Potter	Thomaston 2003
*John E. Graham	Waterbury 1938	William McAllister	Waterbury 2004
*Cornelius J. Carrigan	Terryville 1939	Robert Guthrie	West Haven 2005
*Charles H. Brundage	New Haven 1940	Robert Guthrie	West Haven 2006
*George Brencher	Darien 1941	James Wilkinson	Milford 2007
*Harold J. Leiberan	Norwich 1942	Lewis Clark	Morris 2008
*William H. Degnan	Derby 1943	Lewis Clark	Morris 2009
*John Bolan	Torrington 1944	Thomas Murphy	Southington 2010
*William T. Hamilton	New London 1945	Frank Hilbert	Mystic 2011
*Thomas J. Egan	New Britain 1946	Frank Hilbert	Mystic 2012
*Omer H. Bruneau	North Grosvenordale	James O'Neil	Thomaston 2013
*Andrew J. Flanagan	New Haven 1948	James O'Neil	Thomaston 2014
*Jesse C.A. Mecker	Danbury 1949	Vaughan Dumas	Orange 2015
*Bernard Fitzsimmons	Bristol 1950	Vaughan Dumas	Orange 2016
*James Grote	Chester 1951	Stephan Brown	Windsor Locks 2017
*Edward T. Turbert	New Haven 1952	John Carew	West Haven 2018
*Thomas L. Martin	New London 1953	John Carew	West Haven 2019

*DECEASED

PAST PRESIDENTS

*William Halstead
Edward Waido
*Deceased

Sandy Hook 2020
East Lyme 2021

*DECEASED



**ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2022 – JUNE 30, 2023**

**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
Peter Buonome, Secretary
Jeffrey J. Morrisette, 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 – 11 (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 through the delivery of quality
consulting services, technical assistance, training, education, and professional competency
certification for career and volunteer fire service personnel.***

Statutory Authority

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§ 7-323(j) - 7-323(s) the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control 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. A number of Commission appointments remain pending action by the Governor's Office. Longtime Commission Secretary Richard H. Nicol passed away in July 2022 following a brief illness. Commissioner Peter Buonome was elected to fill the vacant position of Secretary.

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 continues with staff serving as Fire Service Liaisons to the State Emergency Operations Center during statewide emergencies and exercises. A transition to hybrid activations, when feasible, has alleviated concerns related to the sustainability of staffing of the Fire Desk for long duration activations. The Office actively supports the Connecticut Fallen Firefighters Memorial Foundation and the Connecticut Statewide Honor Guard, ensuring Connecticut honors its fallen firefighters and their family members consistent with the profession's highest standards. Communication, collaboration, and coordination continue with the nine independent Regional Fire Schools. Further, we coordinate the state's Regional Foam Trailer program with eight local fire departments, hosting these resources and responding to emergencies requiring firefighting foam. In partnership with DEEP replacement of the foam trailer units is currently underway due to PFAS contamination by the AFFF foam carried on the units. The old trailers will be decommissioned and properly disposed of in a hazardous waste landfill. The AFFF Foam Take-Back Program for municipalities was paused while additional funding was sought to address continued efforts to drain and rinse municipal fire apparatus on-board foam storage tanks and associated educator and piping systems.

As a result of retirements, normal attrition, and an employee's passing, three vacant full-time positions were refilled during the year, in addition to twenty-two per diem Fire Service Instructors. We have retained two retirees on a Temporary Worker Retiree (TWR) part-time status as we evaluate long-term staffing needs.

Authorizations by the State Bond Commission in December and June have provided \$2.7 million in funding for long needed facility related repairs and improvements on the Connecticut Fire Academy campus. Project management for these investments is reliant on DAS-Construction Services staff.

We finalized contract provisions for an ARPA funded 3-Year Pilot Fire Service Response Data Collection project. The project will commence early in FY24.

Working with the Connecticut Fire Department Instructors and Fire Chiefs Associations, we publicized guidelines for training and certification of minor firefighters.

Communications and information dissemination to fire service constituents continued primarily through expanded use of social media and the CFPC email Listserv.

During FY23, with funding received from the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) we were able to provide additional Hazardous Materials training and administered the annual SERC Haz Mat response exercise held in September at Camp Hartell. Dozens of local, regional, state, and federal partners participated.

For a second year, administered funding to distressed communities with volunteer fire departments for entry-level Firefighter I training. This FY we distributed \$25,740 from the \$70,000 appropriation.

FEMA awarded a 2022 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) totaling \$354,820 to procure replacement SCBA cylinders, a containerized mobile Forcible Entry Prop with trailer and Tow Vehicle. Further, we continue to serve as the point of contact with several fire departments receiving state and ARPA funding for projects ranging from \$100,000 to \$8.6 Million.

The Limited Access Highway Program, which provides payment to volunteer fire companies for response to emergency incidents on limited access highways, was reestablished after many years of not being funded. A total of 3,000 claims were approved for payment, totaling \$1.5 million. By fiscal year's end, 2,811 claims had been paid, totaling \$1,405,500.

In October 2022, the Connecticut Fire Academy Bookstore Supervisor unexpectedly passed away following a brief illness. As a result, annual gross sales were reduced to \$199,144.90 due to seven months of curtailed activity.

A total of 7,531 dormitory room nights were used by firefighters attending training at the Connecticut Fire Academy.

Training Unit (Connecticut Fire Academy)

The Training Unit 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 the Connecticut Fire Academy (CFA) campus in Windsor Locks.

During FY23, the Training Unit delivered 255 training programs, reaching 4,508 students and providing 226,130 contact hours. In addition to training activities, the Unit continued administration of N-95 respirator fit testing services, supporting the COVID response by health care professionals. A total of 1,975 N-95 respirator fit tests were administered at 44 separate locations statewide. Also, a total of 659 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus respirator fit tests were conducted at 36 separate locations.

The Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) continued to be offered to municipalities to assist in identifying future firefighters with the capability of career and lifelong success. This past year, 768 candidates registered, with 493 passing, for an overall passing rate of 64.1%. The Academy's Introduction to The Fire Service (ITTFS) and Advanced Skills and Concepts (*ASAC*) programs were designed to provide high school students with an opportunity to learn more about the profession by attending a residential camp and performing training evolutions at the Connecticut Fire Academy. The programs also support and compliment fire department recruitment strategies. Over the last 25 years, the program has evolved from the two original five-day sessions each summer to three six-day residential based sessions each summer. Many alumni have moved on to become full members of their fire departments, have attended college in Fire and EMS programs, and have earned employment as career Firefighters. The Academy also now has several per diem instructors who are alumni of these programs. During FY23, 121 cadets benefited from attendance at these residential camps.

Recruit Class #70, conducted in the Fall of 2022, was the Academy's largest to date with 70 students.

Worked with the Manchester Fire Department prior to their July 1 consolidation with the 8th Utilities Fire District to deliver a six-week bridge Recruit Firefighter Training program for twelve certified members who had not previously attended the CFA Recruit Program.

During the fiscal year, we implemented the new Acadis® Learning Management System to streamline division course registration and course management activities. A streamlining of equipment and prop inventory and asset management was achieved using SLATE Pages® software.

New course development initiatives during the fiscal year include EMS Officer and a UTV/ATV curriculum. A firefighter skills video library is being produced to ensure standardization in instruction and fire scene operations.

In the Spring, we partnered with UCONN to produce a Lithium-Ion Public Service Announcement video that has received national recognition.

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.

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, curriculum development, public education, and fire prevention. This knowledge and skill 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 National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards in support of the statewide fire service educational framework developed from those same standards. The verification process ensures emergency services personnel are better qualified to respond to significant incidents while routinely operating in highly hazardous exposure areas when serving the citizens of Connecticut.

The Certification Unit retains accreditation from two international entities, The National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications (Pro Board) and the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC). Accreditation of the certification process validates the professionalism and commitment of the full and part-time staff and provides portability to our customers as they pursue careers in the fire service. The Certification Unit Registrar represented the agency at the Pro Board Conference in Dallas in January 2023, and the Certification Unit Director represented the agency at the annual spring IFSAC Accreditation Conference in Oklahoma City in April 2023.

Certification activities continued to expand in FY2023, with the Unit administering 33 NFPA 1403 compliant Live Fire Training audits, 22 Vehicle Extrication Audits, 95 psychomotor skills examinations, 177 cognitive examinations, and 28 ADA compliant examinations, assessing 3536 candidates resulting in 2763 Pro Board and IFSAC accredited certifications. The overall written examination success rate was 81.9 percent. The Unit also developed and administered nine (9)

promotional and five (5) entry level examinations for municipal fire departments. The Unit also administered 7 cognitive written examinations in cooperation with Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Public Safety Training Center. Lastly, Reciprocity was awarded to Connecticut fire service personnel certified by other accredited entities for 88 levels of certification.

The Certification Unit also worked to transition to the new Acadis® Learning Management System to consolidate all training and certification records in one database. This will allow firefighters to self-register for certification examinations, access and print certification transcripts, and self-print certification certificates, eliminating the need for Certification Unit personnel to print and mail certificates, resulting in savings in both man hours and postage costs. The Unit also updated test materials for NFPA 1033 Fire Investigator and continues to update both psychomotor skills examinations and cognitive written examinations in preparation for the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards five (5) year consolidation and revision plan that began in calendar year 2021.

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

Raymond Gergler, Eagleville/Mansfield
Ernest N. Herrick, Eagleville/Mansfield
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 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 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 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

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

Class of 2014

David Dagon, Mansfield
John Gaspar, Naugatuck
Christopher Guari, Brooklyn
Charles N. Harrington, Simsbury
George N. Koser, Litchfield
Richard H. Nicol, Middlebury
Salvatore Pitruzello, Portland
Paul Rapanault, West Haven
Charles M. Stankye III, Derby
Ronald Stolz, Yantic
Donald H. Swanson, Cromwell
James Wilkinson, Milford

Class of 2016

Alfred Dudek Jr., Killingworth
Laurence Ford, Redding
James K. Kiley, Newington
Ronald L. Littell Sr., Tolland
Kevin R. McKeon, West Shore
Jon Menti, Bethel
Jeffrey J. Morrisette, Wethersfield
John E. Obier Jr., North Haven
Gary M. Parker, Derby
Charles Perrotti, North Canaan
Kenneth W. Richards Jr., Old Mystic

Class of 2018

Thomas Bartram, Sharon
Wayne J. Bindas, Hartford/Granby/Lost Acres
Edward Flynn, New Haven
Michael Gergler, Eagleville/Mansfield
Thurston "Doc" Howard, Waterford
Richard Palmer, Eagleville/Mansfield
Theodore (Teddy) Smith, Beacon Falls
Timothy S. Wall, Wallingford
Richard E. Whitehouse, Ashford

Class of 2020

Sanford Anderson, Norwalk
William Davin, Monroe
John B. Field Jr., Torrington
Joseph Iacuone, Derby
Charles C. Judd Jr., Watertown
William F. Kelly Jr., West Haven
Mark D. Lewandowski, Berlin
Peter Mullen, Branford
Edward N. Richards, Enfield
James Trzaski, Beacon Falls

Class of 2015

Larry Black, Watertown
Ralph Black Jr., New Haven
Cathy Goetz, Haddam
Rev. Edward Goetz, Haddam
Frank (Fritz) Hilbert, Mystic
John Keenan, Long Ridge, Stamford
Maurice McCarthy Jr., Waterbury
John Platt Jr., Montville
Wayne Sanford, East Haven
Richard Symonds Jr., Tolland
George H. Thompson, Willimantic/Hartford
John Walsh, Willimantic/Hartford

Class of 2017

William Abbott, Hartford
Edward B. Amatrudo, North Branford
Wayne Fletcher, Ashford
Charles Flynn, Suffield/Wethersfield
Burt Hale, Westfield
Kevin Kowalski, Simsbury
James O'Neil, Thomaston
George H. Quinn, Bethany
Clarence Rees, Bethel
David Sanford, West Redding
Robert G. Sawyer III, North Stonington

Class of 2019

James C. Armstrong, Andover/ Columbia
William J. Deford, CT. Fire Academy
Louis DeMici, Danbury/UPFFA
James M. Eastwood, Fairfield
Marquam R. Johnson, Barkhamsted
Daniel Keogh, Poq. Bridge/Mashantucket
James C. Koser, Litchfield
John B. McAllister/Waterbury/Colebrook
Denis McCarthy, Fairfield

Class of 2021

Raymond Barber, Bozrah
Jamie DiPace, Avon
Vincent Landisio, North Haven- West Haven
Robert Marquis, Hampton
Edward Urbansky, Glastonbury
Richard Winn, Barkhamstead

Class of 2022

John Carew, West Haven
Charles M. Coakley, Danbury
Robert Duval, Wauregan
William Eyberse, Yantic
Donald E. Griffin, Hebron
William Hackett, Branford
Ralph A. Humphrey, Morris
Robert E. Massicotte, Waterbury
Alan Olenick, Lebanon
Mark Sekorski, Terryville

Class of 2023

Harry Ackley, Fairfield
Robert Anthony, Hamden
Norman Bernier, West Thompson/Putnam
Dennis R. Cassia, Monroe/Stratford
Joseph F. Farr, New Britain
James Gavell, Bantam
Joseph Kingston, Ansonia
Lloyd Niles, Windham
William Perez, East Hartford/Uconn
Bruce E. Sweeney, West Haven



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Thursday, April 4, 2024

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The Connecticut Fire Service

Both living and deceased who

Have contributed to the

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