



DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY

OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL, STATE FIRE ACADEMY AND THE STATE HAZ-MAT TEAM

FIRE SAFETY NEWS



November 2016

The Robert Howe Fire Safety Calendar Project

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On Monday, November 7th, 2016 @ 1:00 p.m. at the State House in Montpelier, the Division of Fire Safety celebrated and recognized the student artists that have had their artwork selected to be included in the 2017 Robert Howe Fire Safety Calendar Program.



Each year the Division of Fire Safety reaches out to the schools from across the State of Vermont, as a collaborative effort to spread the word of Fire Safety. Students submit their artwork detailing a number of Fire Safety messages; the artwork is judged and winners are named. Each month of the calendar represents a particular Fire Safety message that is appropriate for that time of year.

Upcoming Board meetings

Electrical Board Meeting:
December 6, 2016 9AM

Access Board Meeting:
December 12, 2016 1:30PM

Elevator Board Meeting:
December 13, 2016 9AM

Plumbing Board Meeting:
January 10, 2017, 9AM

~BOARD DEADLINE REMINDER~

If you have a board agenda item, it needs to be received at the Central Office no later than **2 weeks** prior to the board meeting. (for all boards – Access, Electrical, Elevator & Plumbing)

The Division would like to extend a special thank you to our participating teachers, school administrators, trades associations, local businesses and local fire departments for their continued support of the Robert Howe Fire Safety Calendar.



It is also that time of year to take some precautionary measures to improve the safety of your home:

- 1.) Test and “Change your Clock, Change your Battery” to ensure that your smoke alarms and CO alarms are ready to alert you and your family of an emergency.
- 2.) Have your heating appliance tuned-up and cleaned by a certified technician.

The Division of Fire Safety would like to wish everyone a Fire Safe Holiday Season.

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Request for Support of the 2017 Robert Howe Fire Safety Poster/ Calendar

This year will be the 26th Annual State Fire Safety Poster/Calendar Project. Every year for over 25 years, the printing of the calendar has been made possible with the support of sponsors like you! Again, this year we are asking for your donation to help support this statewide project.

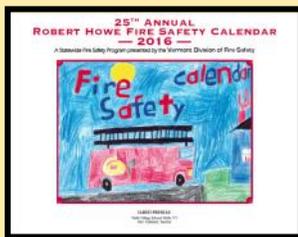
The Robert Howe Fire Safety Calendar formerly named the fire safety calendar program goes hand and hand with the many fire safety programs organized by local fire departments around Fire Prevention Week. Once more, our objective is to provide calendars to students statewide.

Your contribution is vital in helping us reach the goal to keep our children and all Vermonters safe from fire.

In Vermont schools, children learn important fire safety messages such as: Stop, Drop and Roll, Stay Low in a Fire, Electrical Safety, Scald Prevention; also the importance of Smoke Detectors, Sprinkler Systems, Fire Drills and Home Exit Plans. During the month of October, all 3rd grade students are asked to portray the fire prevention messages they have learned in a drawing. After judging by a team of judges thirteen students' drawings are chosen to illustrate a fire safety message for each month as well as the cover in the next State Fire Safety Calendar.

Through the distribution of this calendar, the children share the messages at home with their families helping to further prevent the tragedy of fire.

*This Year Marks the 26th year of this very important Program.
This project would not be possible without the Dedicated support
from Sponsors like you!*



Please consider donating again this year, to make this year the biggest and best year yet.

Please send your donations to support the 2017 calendar to

L. Brown & Sons Printing Inc.

14-20 Jefferson Street, Barre, VT 05641

All money collected will be used for the printing costs of the calendar.

Distribution of the Calendars is paid for by Vermont Division of Fire Safety.

We ask that all contributions be submitted by November 16th.

And please make your checks payable to L. Brown & Sons Printing Inc.

and include Fire Safety Calendar on the memo line of the check.





Fee Changes for the “Community Right to Know” Program

Every year, as a company that stores/uses chemicals, you receive a Tier II letter, from me. This letter provides a description of the program, where to find the reporting software and what needs to be reported.

Hazardous Chemical Storage Reporting Requirements is the letter mandates that industries storing hazardous materials above a certain threshold to be reported to the State. In Vermont that threshold is 100lbs. for all chemicals, except for Gasoline, Diesel Fuel, Kerosene, #2, #4, #5, and #6 Fuel Oil, Jet Fuel, Propane and Compressed Natural Gas, which has the threshold of 10,000 lbs. The requirements also state that this information is sent to the local FD and the LEPC for planning purposes.

For those chemicals meeting the requirement above, there is a fee associated with this activity. In 2016, the Fee Schedule has changed (last fee change was in 2007). Below is a copy of the new Fee Schedule for 2016 reporting;

The Vermont Statutes Online Title 20: Internal Security and Public Safety Chapter 001: Emergency Management § 39. Fees to the hazardous substances fund

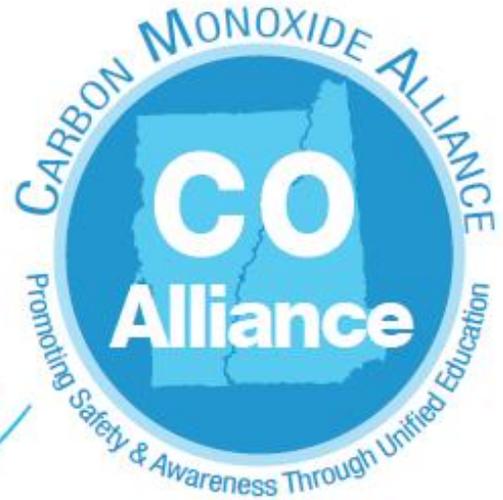
- (a) Every person required to report the use or storage of hazardous chemicals or substances pursuant to EPCRA shall pay the following annual fees for each hazardous chemical or substance, as defined by the state emergency response commission, that is present at the facility:
- (1) \$40.00 for quantities between 100 and 999 pounds.
 - (2) \$60.00 for quantities between 1,000 and 9,999 pounds.
 - (3) \$100.00 for quantities between 10,000 and 99,999 pounds.
 - (4) \$290.00 for quantities between 100,000 and 999,999 pounds.
 - (5) \$880.00 for quantities exceeding 999,999 pounds.
 - (6) An additional fee of \$250.00 will be assessed for each extremely hazardous chemical or substance as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 11002.
- (b) The fee shall be paid to the commissioner of public safety and shall be deposited into the hazardous chemical and substance emergency response fund.
- (c) The following are exempted from paying the fees required by this section but shall comply with the reporting requirements of this chapter:
- (1) Municipalities and other political subdivisions.
 - (2) State agencies.
 - (3) Persons engaged in farming as defined in 10 V.S.A. § 6001 of this title.
 - (4) Nonprofit corporations.
- (d) No person shall be required to pay a fee for a chemical or substance which has been determined to be an economic poison as defined in 6 V.S.A. § 911 or for a fertilizer or agricultural lime as defined in 6 V.S.A. § 363 and for which a registration or tonnage fee has been paid to the agency of agriculture, food and markets pursuant to chapter 28 or 81 of Title 6.
- (e) The state or any political subdivision, including any municipality, fire district, emergency medical service, or incorporated village, is authorized to recover any and all reasonable direct expenses incurred as a result of the response to and recovery of a hazardous chemical or substance incident from the person or persons responsible for the incident. All funds collected by the state under this subsection shall be deposited into the hazardous chemical and substance emergency response fund created pursuant to subsection 38(b) of this chapter. The attorney general shall act on behalf of the state to recover these expenses. The state or political subdivision shall be awarded costs and reasonable attorney fees that are incurred as a result of exercising the provisions of this subsection.

The 2016 Tier II letter will be mailed out in December of 2016, so keep an eye out for this. If you do not receive the letter, please contact me, and I will forward a copy to you.

If you have any questions on this program, please feel free to contact me at todd.cosgrove@vermont.gov.

HAZMAT HOTLINE 1-800-641-5005

Save the Date



November 30, 2016

Join Us at the
Carbon Monoxide Awareness
& Prevention Summit
at Fireside Inn, Lebanon, NH
from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Learn latest information about NHVT carbon monoxide risks. How to address experiences of victims of carbon monoxide exposure. Approaches to increase use of carbon monoxide alarms. Speakers include experts from the National Product Evaluation and Testing Center from the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Subsidized by:

Carbon Monoxide Alliance, The Northern New England Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program, Dartmouth Centers for Health and Aging, Propane Gas Association of New England and a victim of carbon monoxide poisoning.

To Register:

<https://www.research.net/r/COsummitNH>

The mission of the CO Alliance is to understand the preventable, structural, and personal causes of carbon monoxide incidents in our region and take action to remedy them.

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COURSE! Photovoltaic Safety for Firefighters



The Vermont Fire Academy is proud to release a new course titled Photovoltaic Safety for Firefighters. Register for any venue by submitting a General Admission Application to the Vermont Fire Academy two weeks prior to the course delivery date. Solar Photovoltaic (PV) systems are becoming more common on homes and businesses across Vermont. Building mounted PV systems present special considerations for firefighters when handling emergencies within these buildings and around these systems. This course will provide the participants with information about what firefighters need to know to safely deal with fires in buildings equipped with PV systems and other emergencies that occur around ground mounted PV equipment.

Topics include an introduction to photovoltaics and electrical theory, recognition of PV systems and components, general PV system operation, common safety labeling, tactical considerations, disconnecting means, fire suppression and ventilation issues, and the hazards associated with fire service operations in the area of a PV system.

Pre-registration is required and applications are due two weeks prior to the scheduled class date.

See all the dates and venues below:

Location: Arlington Fire Department
Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2016
Application deadline: Tuesday, November 29, 2016
Time: 1800 - 2200

Location: Weston Fire Station
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017
Application deadline: Monday, December 29, 2016
Time: 1830 - 2230

Location: Tracy Hall, Norwich Fire Department
Date: Monday, January 9, 2017
Application deadline: Monday, December 26, 2016
Time: 1830 - 2230

Location: Cuttingsville Fire Station, Shrewsbury Fire Department
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017

Location: Pawlet Fire Station
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017
Application deadline: Tuesday, December 27, 2016
Time: 1800 - 2200

2016 National Fire Academy Courses to be Held in Vermont

Each year, the Vermont Fire Academy hosts National Fire Academy direct delivery courses in an effort to bring fresh, new courses to our responders without the long travel to the National Fire Academy. The following course offerings are being presented around Vermont. All classes will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day and are available at no cost. Apply by submitting a General Admission Application to the Vermont Fire Academy by the application deadlines listed below.

Initial Fire Investigation for First Responders

Location: Bennington Town Fire Station
 Course Date: December 3 & 4, 2016
 Application Deadline: October 17, 2016

Strategies and Tactics for Initial Company Operations

Location: South Burlington Police Department
 Course Date: January 9 & 10, 2017
 Application Deadline: November 23, 2016

Strategies and Tactics for Initial Company Operations

Location: St. Johnsbury - exact location TBD
 Course Date: January 21 & 22, 2017
 Application Deadline: December 5, 2016

Leadership I for Fire and EMS: Strategies for Company Success

Location: Brattleboro Fire Station
 Course Date: January 28 & 29, 2017
 Application Deadline: December 12, 2016

Residential Sprinkler Plan Review

Location: Division of Fire Safety Central Office - Berlin
 Course Date: March 29 & 30, 2017
 Application Deadline: February 10, 2017

Training Operations in Small Departments

Location: Vermont Fire Academy - Pittsford
 Course Date: June 24 & 25, 2017
 Application Deadline: May 8, 2017



FIRE INSTRUCTOR I TO BE HELD IN SOUTH BURLINGTON

Location: South Burlington Police Complex, 19 Gregory Drive, South Burlington

Orientation Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, December 28, 2016

Time: 0830 to 1700 each day

Attendance at every class meeting is mandatory for successful completion of this course.

This program is designed to qualify fire service responders to deliver instruction from a prepared lesson plan. Upon successful completion, students are awarded nationally registered certifications in accordance with NFPA 1041, Fire Service Instructor Professional Qualifications, 2012 edition.

Prerequisites:

Currently active in the Fire Service with a minimum of three years experience

High school diploma or equivalent

Current Firefighter I or II Certification

To register, download the General Admission Application, fill it out, and return it to the Vermont Fire Academy by the registration deadline. Priority will go to Vermont Firefighters. The class maximum is 12 students. Please note students will need a laptop/computer access for homework assignments. Fire Service Instructor I certification is mandatory for Fire Officer certification and to be considered for employment as a Vermont Fire Academy Instructor. Attendance at every class meeting is mandatory for successful completion of this course.



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CALENDAR OF FIRE EVENTS



November 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Date	Event	Location
8	Plumbing Board	BERLIN
11	Veteran's Day ~State offices Closed~	ALL
24	Thanksgiving Day ~State offices Closed~	ALL
25	Day After Thanksgiving ~State offices Closed~	ALL



December 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Wishing you a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!



Date	Event	Location
6	Electrical Board Meeting	BERLIN
12	Access Board Meeting	BERLIN
13	Elevator Board Meeting	BERLIN
21	Division Training- Staff only	BERLIN



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