



# Hartford County "HOSELINE"

## Join us for our next HCFEP Meeting

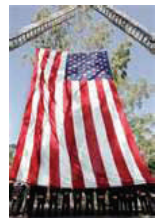
Join us at Bloomfield Center Fire House (18 Wintonbury Avenue, Bloomfield) at 7 PM on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 for our next Hartford County Fire Emergency Plan Meeting.

### Upcoming Meetings and Other Events:

- September 18th— next meeting of HCFEP at Bloomfield Center Fire House, 7 PM.
- Sunday, October 13th for the 63rd Annual Memorial Service for Deceased Firefighters will be hosted by the South Windsor Fire Department.

## 63rd Annual Memorial Service

The Hartford County Fire Emergency Plan Board of Directors cordially invites all officers and members of any Hartford County Fire Departments to attend our 63rd annual Hartford County Memorial Service on Sunday, October 13, 2013. This years service will be hosted by the South Windsor Fire Department. More details and information will be released as it becomes available.



If you have had any members of your department pass away in the past year, please forward their names to Chet Haber at [cjhab28@yahoo.com](mailto:cjhab28@yahoo.com), or to [secretary@hcfep.org](mailto:secretary@hcfep.org) so that they may be remembered at this years service. We hope you and your Department will join us to make this a meaningful service to remember those who have gone before us.

## HoseLine Needs Your Help!!!!

The **HoseLine** would like to feature a different Hartford County Fire Department each month, so this is a challenge to all the Chief Officers out there.



We are looking for a brief description of your department, any new purchases or any other news worthy events you would like to share with the rest of Hartford County. Pictures are also welcome!



If you would like to be featured please email all information and pictures to [secretary@hcfep.org](mailto:secretary@hcfep.org).



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

## New Chiefs and Officers

Congratulations to the new Chief of the Lost Acres Fire Department - Chief John Horr!

## New Equipment

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



### **Save the Date:**

Sunday, October 13, 2013  
for the Annual Hartford  
County Memorial Service  
that will be hosted by the  
South Windsor Fire  
Department. If you have  
Department members that  
need to be added to the list,  
please contact:  
[secretary@hcfep.org](mailto:secretary@hcfep.org)

## Chaplain's Corner

### Does Your Department Have Chaplain?

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



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

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

Rev. Chris Skowronek  
HCFEP Chaplain



To submit items to the "HoseLine" for the **October issue**, ***deadline for submissions will be September 30, 2013.*** We hope to have each monthly "**HoseLine**" out by the first week of the month.