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FUTURE CPCA TESTING DATES

July 27, 2019 -	Fairfield, CT – Entry, Certified, Dispatcher
August 24, 2019 -	Bloomfield, CT – Entry, Certified, Dispatcher
September 28, 2019 -	Meriden, CT – Entry, Certified, Disptcher
October 26, 2019 -	Suffield, CT – Entry, Certified, Dispatcher
November 23, 2019 -	Monroe, CT – Entry, Certified, Dispatcher
December 20, 2019 -	Southington, CT – Entry, Certified, Dispatcher

Important Save the Dates –

August 26, 2019 - CPCA Golf Classic, TPC River Highlands, Cromwell, CT

September 10, 2019 – State Chief Attorney’s Update, P.O.S.T.

September 13, 2019 - CPCA Fall Meeting, Woodwinds, Branford, CT

December 12, 2019 - CPCA Winter Meeting, Cromwell, CT

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need your help for Channel 3 Kids Camp, July 25th.

Last year, more than 30 police department from around the state came together with hundreds of campers at the Channel 3 Kids Camp to learn more about each other and create an environment of support and sharing.

Departments supplied K9 units, horses, cruisers, motorcycles, boats, ATVs, dive teams and other equipment for the campers to learn more about. The campers had a complete experience – not only with the vehicles and equipment they had a chance to touch, sit on and feel- but with the many officers who were on hand to interact with.

This year, with your support we’d like to do the same. Please contact **Marcia: mfiretto@cpcanet.org by July 12**, if you and your department would like to participate by bringing vehicles and other interactive equipment to share with the campers on July 25th. Also, let her know what, who and how many of each you will be sending/bringing..

Highland Park Market is providing the lunch for the participants and campers which will be prepared and served by Chiefs and law enforcement volunteers at both camps!

Last year’s event brought many campers together with Connecticut law enforcement – a first and positive experience for many of them. We need your help in making a difference in these camper’s lives.....**Breaking Barriers!**

Arrival is 11 a.m. at the Camps. The event will be completed by 3 p.m. Further information will be provided as we get closer to the date.

New Deadly Force Reporting Signed

https://www.ctnewsjunkie.com/archives/entry/20190710_new_deadly_force_reporting_law_signed/

<https://www.norwichbulletin.com/news/20190708/state-emergency-medical-workers-want-voice-at-state-capitol>

State emergency medical workers want a voice at state Capitol

Posted Jul 4 at 9:00 AM

HARTFORD — Ambulance personnel in Connecticut, upset that a new law providing post-traumatic stress disorder benefits does not include thousands of paramedics and emergency medical technicians, are hoping to become a political force.

Efforts are under way to create an official association of paid and volunteer emergency medical responders to make sure the profession is aware of what's happening in Hartford and has an opportunity to influence legislation from now on.

“We're now awake, and we will be paying attention, and we will come to the point where we have a solid, unified voice,” said Robert Glaspy, a paramedic from Milford who is helping lead the effort. “This is a situation where we just want to give everybody a voice. We want to give every EMS provider — as a provider — a voice, not for any particular company, not for any particular entity.”

For the past six years, state lawmakers have debated whether to require Connecticut's workers' compensation laws to cover PTSD for first responders who witness a tragedy, such as the deadly Newtown school shooting in 2012. But municipal officials, as well as the Association of Connecticut Ambulance Providers, which represents the state's ambulance groups, had voiced concern about the broadness of the bill and the likely high costs of potentially providing financial benefits for a lifetime.

In May, the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities announced it had finally reached a compromise only with unionized firefighters and police officers to provide benefits for up to one year. Under the agreement, a PTSD diagnosis must be made by a licensed psychiatrist or psychologist, in accordance with national standards. Also, a first responder must experience one of six qualifying events in order to receive benefits, such as witnessing the death of a child. While lawmakers initially hailed the agreement as a major step forward in the effort to provide mental health services to first responders, many voiced anger on the Senate and House floors after learning paramedics, emergency medical technicians and other medical technicians were not included.

Ultimately, the bill, which Democratic Gov. Ned Lamont recently signed into law, only required a study of whether to extend the legislation to emergency medical responders and Department of Correction officers.

“I wish this bill did more,” said Rep. William Buckbee, R-New Milford.

The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities has expressed a willingness to consider adding emergency medical workers to the law at some point, saying this year's legislation addresses the “most pressing public health need” with the police and firefighters but can be improved over time.

Paramedic Derrick Caranci, of North Canaan, said he doesn't have a problem with police and firefighters getting the benefits. But he said it was clear emergency medical responders didn't have representation during the negotiations on the bill. There are roughly 20,000 paramedics, emergency medical technicians and other medical technicians working for paid companies or volunteer organizations in Connecticut.

“We should have people sitting at the table when these decisions are being made,” he said. “It was an eye-opening experience about who's really making the rules up there, who's got the leverage. That's why we need to get ahead of this.”

David Lowell, chief operating officer of Hunter's Ambulance and president of the Association of Connecticut Ambulance Providers, has taken a lot of criticism from medics who believe he opposed including them in the PTSD for financial reasons. While Lowell acknowledges opposing previous bills because they were drafted too broadly, he said this year's version was negotiated behind closed doors.

"There was zero opportunity for input," he said.

After seeing the final product, Lowell said he supports including emergency medical providers in the legislation. He noted that the law limits the PTSD diagnosis to specific workplace events, including situations many medics experience daily.

"They are subjected, by their vocation, to be exposed to bad things more frequently, no doubt," said Lowell, a former paramedic. "They should be included, no question about it."

Another great day is planned for the families. If anyone would like to attend (nice day in Mystic), please let me know. Mystic Aquarium again has gone above and beyond.

Darren

CT Law Enforcement Memorial Family Day: Schedule of Events ***Thursday, July 18, 2019***

9:45am ****All police, board members, staff, etc. should be on-site at this time****

10:00am Families and guests park and meet at Mystic Aquarium

Police lineup and welcome

Welcome remarks and distribute wristbands

10:20am Escort families directly up ramp into Marine Theater {VIP seating area for Sea Lion Show}

10:30am Sea Lion Show begins

10:55am Sea Lion Show ends

Group stays in Marine Theater for special sea lion meet and greet and Q&A with a trainer

11:25am Group exits Marine Theater via ramp

For those staying at Mystic Aquarium:

11:30am Guided walking tour in small groups through Mystic Aquarium's outdoor exhibits

- ACPNW to Penguins

12:15pm Groups head to Milne Ocean Science and Conservation Center for lunch

12:30pm Penguins arrive in Penguin Discovery Cart during lunch

1:00pm Penguins depart

Group leaves Milne Center to Marsh Trek to Boomerang Island

1:15pm Interactive bird experience at Boomerang Island

Meet & Greet with a Kookaburra

1:45pm Behind the Scenes at Arctic Coast via Keepers' Access Path

Guided PNW tours

2:30pm Free time to explore Mystic Aquarium on your own

- Each guest will receive tickets to our 4D theater, as well as feed a sting ray tickets

For those going on the Boat Cruise:

11:25am Buses courtesy of Foxwoods will be waiting for boarding in the Front Parking Lot

11:35am All passengers on bus

Depart for Schooner Wharf in Downtown Mystic

12:00pm Boat leaves promptly from Schooner Wharf and cruise begins {2 ½ hour sail}

12:30pm Pizza lunch served on boat

2:45pm Boat cruise ends and families disembark back to Aquarium on buses

3:00pm Families back to Mystic Aquarium to get personal vehicles and drive to Mystic Yachting Center

Mystic Yachting Center

3:30pm Arrival at Mystic Yachting Center

Pool open for use (weather permitting)

Appetizers and bar available

Police Boats on-site for rides and tours

5:30pm Clam Bake at MYC, provided by Ocean Blue Catering

8:00pm Clean-up

Locations:

Mystic Aquarium Schooner Wharf Mystic Yachting Center

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