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TOWN SAFETY

Tot Finder Decals

As many of you know October was fire prevention month, and each year we try to present your children with a program that is both easy to understand and very informative. We also supply them with materials to help them refresh our message of fire safety. This year we are very excited to re-introduce Tot Finder decals. These decals should be placed in a window of your child's room. The purpose for this is so firefighters can easily identify a room where a child might be in case of a fire. These are not stickers, as they were in the past, they are decals that are hung in the window with a suction cup. The problem with the stickers was that a child would grow up, move out of the home, and the sticker would still remain in the window. These new decals can be easily moved or taken down. We are happy that we can now offer the new and improved version at no charge to you.

Fire Prevention Poster Contest Winners

We are proud to announce the Fire Prevention Poster Contest winners for this year. They are 1st place: Jamie Mailhot, 2nd Place Allyssa Norton, and 3rd Place Hanna Fassano. Jamie's poster was sent to the county office to compete on the county level. If she wins, the poster then competes on the state level. Jamie will also be able to choose a day when she will receive a ride home from school on a fire truck! The parents and art teachers of these students should be very proud. The judges had a very difficult time choosing an overall winner. Please keep up the good work and good luck next year.

Energizer Grant Makes 225 9-Volt Batteries Available to Somers Residents

We have received a grant from Energizer battery of 225 9-volt batteries. If you need a battery for your smoke detector at home, please stop by the firehouse. A limit of three batteries per house, first come first serve, and please provides a valid license with a Somers address.

Winter Safety Tips

With winter upon us, homeowners can help out the fire department by clearing fire hydrants on or near your property. Also, be sure to clear the snow and ice from your house number. By doing so you could save us precious minutes in the event of an emergency.

Don't forget: Clean your chimneys to prevent chimney fires this winter and don't leave candles unattended!

If you have any questions about any fire prevention topics, or you would like a decal and batteries, please feel free to stop by the firehouse Mon.-Fri. between 8-4 and speak with Glen Reynolds or Bob Wheeler. You can also email us at glen.reynolds@somersfire.org and bob.wheeler@somersfire.org.

Congratulations to the newest Member of the Somers Fire Department Career staff; Frank M. Falcone Jr. Frank has taken over the position of career Deputy chief, replacing Bob Sciarretta who recently retired. Frank has been a Volunteer Firefighter in Somers for 12 years, and Deputy Chief for the last 5. He has also worked as a full time Fire Fighter and Lieutenant for East Longmeadow Mass for the last 21 years. We are excited that Frank has agreed to take on this position in Somers and we are confident that he will do a wonderful job leading this department into the

future. Frank has extensive training in Incident Command, Fire Ground Operations, Specialized Rescue, Terrorism Response, Fire and Life Safety Education and many other areas. We appreciate the time and dedication that Frank has given to this town and this Fire dept over the years and that he will continue to give in the years to come. We also wish to thank his wife Lisa and his 4 girls: twins: Lauryn & Justine, and more twins: Kelsey and Morgan for their patience with the many thousands of volunteer hours Frank has put into this department.

Upcoming Events

All events will be posted on the www.somersnow.com event calendar — and more information will be provided on the www.somersnow.com/fire website as it becomes available.

Medical Response Technician class (MRT)

Medical Response Technician class (MRT) will begin in January for anyone interested in learning more about emergency care. This class will be held on the weekends. Please call the Fire Department or visit our website for more information.

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, January 11

All are welcome to attend our next Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 11th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$5.00 per adult, and \$3.00 for children under 10. Come and enjoy hot coffee, tea, orange juice, pancakes, sausage & bacon and then take a tour of the station and check out the trucks!

Blood Drive

Thursday, February 19

We will hold another Blood drive Thursday, February 19th — 12:30 until 6:15. Please help to save a life by donating blood!

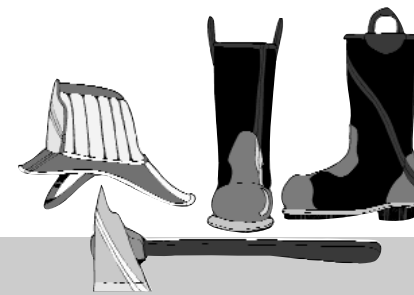
Connecticut Fire Photographers Association — 2004 Firematic Flea Market & Photo Show

Sunday, March 21

Connecticut Fire Photographers Association's 2004 Firematic Flea Market & Photo Show will be held on Sunday, March 21, 2004 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donation: \$5.00 for adults, children under 10 admitted free

Featuring:

- C.F.P.A. Photo Presentations
- Firematic Vendors (Flea market with Fire/Police and EMS related items)
- Fire Apparatus
- Food & Soda



Department News

Congratulations to Firefighter Mike Lynch on his recent graduation from the Airforce Academy, and for earning your wings! Mike has been a member of the SVFD for the past 8 years, and continues to volunteer each time he comes back to CT. He will now be stationed in Washington State as an Airforce Pilot.

Best wishes are extended to Cpl. Greg Smith as he begins his second stint in Iraq. Greg has been a member of the SVFD for the past 5 1/2 years. He has already spent 6 months in Iraq, came home for additional training, and is now returning to Iraq as a Special Operations Sniper with the USMC. Best wishes are also extended to Micah Welintukonis, (EMT), as he begins his deployment to Iraq for 18 months. We all pray for their safe return.