

WLFD Annual Xmas Tree Sale



Our Annual Xmas Tree Sale will kick off on Saturday Nov. 28th at the Elm St. entrance of the Public Safety Complex. New this year, all trees are Connecticut grown and fresh cut. We ask all visitors to please wear a mask and respect social distancing guidelines. We offer free delivery in the town of Windsor Locks. We will only be able to deliver your tree curbside at your driveway.

Please come out and support your local volunteer firefighters. Due to our change of vendor, all trees are \$45. We appreciate your support and wish all of you a SAFE and happy holiday season.

WLFD Honors Fallen Firefighters



The members of the Windsor Locks Fire Department along with friends and family, held the Annual Memorial Service on Sunday, November 1, 2020 at fire headquarters. The service included a reading of the names of all former members of the fire department who have passed away. A wreath was placed at the memorial bell in front of the fire station on Volunteer Drive. [Photo Gallery](#) by Coral Ruggiero

Former Chief LaPierre Passes Away at 77



The Windsor Locks Fire Department regrets to announce the passing of former Chief, Joseph LaPierre Jr. The members of the WLFD send our thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of Joe and especially to his son and our brother, Joey, who is an active Lieutenant with the WLFD. *Photo courtesy of Windsor Locks Funeral Home.*

(Courtesy of Patch.com) WINDSOR LOCKS, CT — Joseph LaPierre Jr., who served as chief of the Windsor Locks Volunteer Fire Department for five years after a lengthy tenure with the department, died Sunday. He was 77.

LaPierre began his firefighting career as a volunteer in his boyhood hometown of Warehouse Point before moving to Windsor Locks. He worked his way through the ranks before being appointed chief in 1987, a role he filled until retiring in 1992....[read more](#)

Read more on [Patch.com](#)
[Obituary for Chief LaPierre](#)

Fire Prevention 2020



Vehicle Fire Heavily Damages Home

On Sunday, May 17th shortly after 5pm, the fire department responded to a reported car fire near a house on Old County Rd. Upon arrival, the fire had extended to the structure, severely damaging the structure. No one was injured in the blaze and the fire is under investigation by the Windsor Locks Fire Marshal's Office. [Photo Gallery](#)



2020 WLFD CARNIVAL, PARADE AND FIREWORKS CANCELED

The Carnival Committee has made the unfortunate, yet responsible decision to cancel the 2020 Windsor Locks Fire Department Carnival. The uncertainty of the COVID-19 Pandemic was a major contributor to canceling rather than postponement.

It is our hope to be back in 2021 bigger, better and healthier. We thank you for your understanding and continued support.

The Officers and Firefighters of WLFD

2019 Annual Banquet

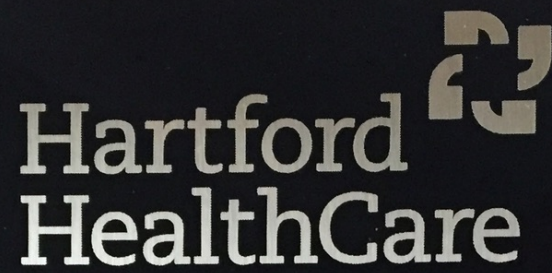


The Windsor Locks Fire Department held its Annual Banquet in November to honor members for their special achievements. Assistant Fire Chief Francis DeBella and Deputy Fire Chief John Donahue were both honored for 50 Years of Service to the department. Firefighter Jay Reardon was also honored for his 25 Years of Service. Pictured L-R are President Nelson Magleora, Jay Reardon, Francis DeBella, John Donahue and Chief Gary Ruggiero. [Photo Gallery](#)

Hartford Health Care Honors WLFD Response to B-17 Crash



Windsor Locks Fire Department Captain, Brian Long accepts an award from Hartford Health Care honoring the members of the department for their response to the B-17 crash at Bradley International Airport on October 2, 2019.



Hartford HealthCare recognizes

Windsor Locks Fire Department

For your heroic response to the Bradley Airport
Mass Casualty Incident on October 2nd, 2019

On behalf of the leadership and staff
of Hartford HealthCare,
thank you for your dedicated service
during this incident and to your community
every day.

Awarded November 20th, 2019

BE A HERO. EVERYDAY.

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Never Use an Oven for Heating



**Never use an oven
or stovetop to heat
your home.**



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U.S. Fire
Administration



Portable Heater Safety

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Windsor Locks Schools Are Open - Drive Carefully



SCHOOL'S OPEN!

DRIVE CAREFULLY AND WATCH OUT FOR KIDS

Fire Prevention Week is October 6-12.



Thank you for your support!

The members of the Windsor Locks Fire Department would like to thank everyone who came out and supported our department and its volunteer members during our Annual Carnival and Fireworks Display. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Please enjoy the rest of the summer and BE SAFE!

WLFD FIREWORKS GUIDE

WHERE: Veterans Memorial Park, Southwest Ave, Windsor Locks

WHEN: Friday June 28th at 9:30pm

PARKING: FREE parking is provided on the grounds. There is no parking on the side streets around the park. Streets are marked with no parking stakes. There is no public parking in front of 124 Southwest Ave (This is for Permitted Housing Residents) or along the side of 124 Southwest Ave (This is for WLFD Members and Apparatus ONLY).

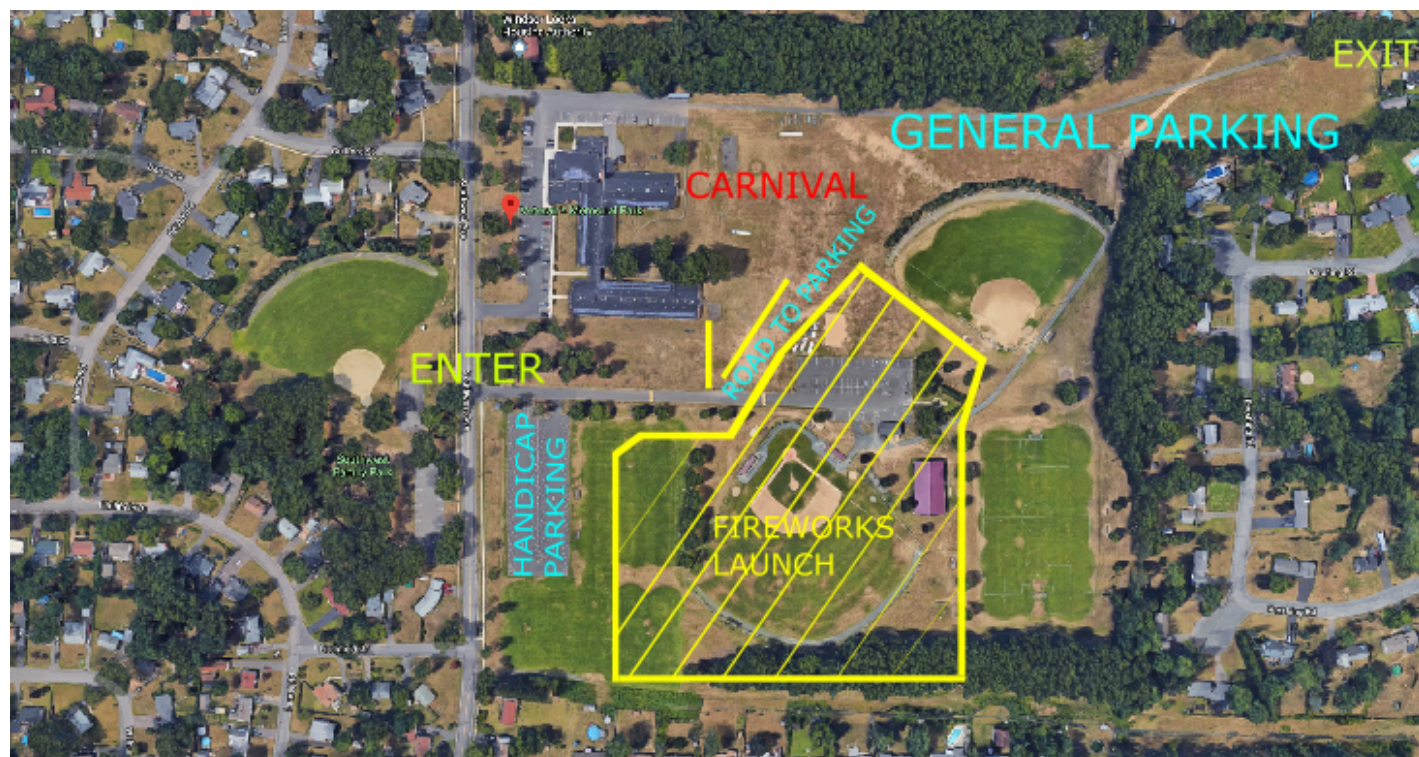
As you enter the park at the main entrance, the paved lot immediately to the right along Southwest Ave is reserved for Permitted Handicap Vehicles only. The General Public Parking will proceed down the roadway along the carnival to the back lot where parking is allowed. Parking is usually full, so arrive early. Once the lots are full the park will be closed and you can park at the WLHS and walk over using the South Elm St entrance which is marked EXIT on the map.

LEAVING: We recommend the majority of the vehicles use the EXIT to the rear onto South Elm St. Vehicles can also exit back towards the entrance onto Southwest Ave.

NOTES: There are areas around the main baseball field that are roped off with FIRE LINE tape. BY STATE LAW, NO UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ARE ALLOWED INSIDE THIS AREA. Please help us by staying out of this area. It is for your own protection and to keep everyone SAFE! There are plenty of great viewing areas from both soccer fields and the softball field, as well as the carnival.

PARKING NOTE FOR THE PARADE on SAT: The upper lot just in from Southwest Ave will be desingated for FIRE APPARATUS ONLY. Please use other areas of the park for parking on Parade day.

PLEASE HAVE FUN AND STAY SAFE!



Coming Soon! WLFD Annual Carnival

WINDSOR LOCKS
FIRE DEPT.
ANNUAL CARNIVAL

June 27,28,29
Fireworks Fri June 28th at 9:30 pm
(rain date, Sat. June 29th at 9:30 pm)
Parade Saturday 6:15 pm

Veterans' Memorial Park
Southwest Avenue
Windsor Locks, Connecticut



Food
Rides
Games
Bingo
Free
Parking
Free
Admission

2019 Memorial Day Parade



Annual Hose Testing



WLFD ANNUAL XMAS TREE SALE

The WLFD Annual Xmas Tree Sale opens on Saturday Nov. 24th and is open daily from 8a-4p at the Elm Street entrance to the Public Safety Complex. All trees are \$38 and we offer FREE DELIVERY for Windsor Locks residents. Thank you for your continued support!

2018 WLFD Annual Banquet



The Windsor Locks Fire Department held its annual banquet on October 27th and presented several members with service awards. Pictured above (center) 50 Year Memeber, Fred Kaplan and 25 Year Members, Steve Brown Jr. (center left) and Andy Kulas (center right). [Click her for Photo Gallery](#)
Photos by Coral Ruggiero.

2018 WLFD Memorial Service

On Saturday October 13, 2018, the members of the Windsor Locks Fire Department along with family and friends, honored the fallen members of the department at it's Annual Memorial Service. The ceremony at the fire station's bell included a reading of the names of all deceased members of the department and was followed by a service at St. Robert Bellarmine church. [Photo Gallery](#)



Live Fire Training at Bradley Airport



Safety Message About Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

- A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire. Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement. Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- Today's smoke alarms will be more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions, yet mitigate false alarms.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
- People who are [hard-of-hearing or deaf](#) can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.
- Smoke alarms are an important part of a [home fire escape plan](#).

Fire Prevention Week 2018



Summer Electrical Safety

Electrical Safety

around swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas

For many of us, water activities equal fun. But it's important to be aware of electrical hazards while enjoying the water. Know how to be safe around swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas.

- If you are putting in a new pool, hot tub, or spa be sure the wiring is performed by an electrician experienced in the special safety requirements for these types of installations.
- Outdoor receptacles must have covers that keep them dry even when appliances are plugged into them.
- Ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) are special devices designed to protect against electric shock and electrocution. They are required for most pool, spa or hot tub equipment. They may be in the form of an outlet or a circuit breaker. Test the GFCIs monthly according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Electrical appliances, equipment, and cords should be kept at least 6 feet away from the water. When possible, use battery operated appliances and equipment, such as televisions, radios, and stereos.
- Avoid handling electrical devices when you are wet.
- Make sure that any overhead lines maintain the proper distance over a pool and other structures, such as a diving board. If unsure, contact a qualified electrician or your local utility company to make sure power lines are a safe distance away.
- Do not swim during a thunderstorm.
- Have a qualified electrician periodically inspect and—where necessary—replace or upgrade the electrical devices or equipment that keep your pool, spa, or hot tub electrically safe.
- Have a qualified electrician show you how to turn off all power in case of an emergency.

KNOW THE RISKS!

Electrocution is death by an electrical shock. Be aware when skin is wet or when surrounding surfaces, such as the grass or pool deck, are wet. Wet skin or wet surfaces can greatly increase the chance of electrocution when electricity is present.

There are several signs of electrical shock. Swimmers may feel a tingling sensation. They may experience muscle cramps. They may not be able to move. They may feel as if something is holding them in place.

If you think someone in the water is being shocked, turn off all power, but do not attempt to go in the water. Use a fiberglass or other kind of rescue hook that doesn't conduct electricity to help the swimmer. Have someone call **9-1-1**.

If you think you are being shocked while in the water move away from the source of the shock. Get out of the water.

FACT

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has reports of 14 deaths related to electrocutions in swimming pools from 2003 to 2014. Hot tubs and spas may present the same hazard as swimming pools.



NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards

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Thank You For Your Support!

The members of the Windsor Locks Fire Department would like to thank everyone who came out to our Annual Carnival and supported the Volunteer Firefighters that serve the Town of Windsor Locks.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

We would like to give a special thanks to all of the sponsors who make our event possible every year!

Have a fun and safe summer and we hope to see all of you again next year!

Parade 6:15pm, Carnival Immediately After

A colorful poster for the Windsor Locks Fire Department's Annual Carnival. At the top, it says "Free PARKING" and "Free ADMISSION" in blue. The main title "WINDSOR LOCKS FIRE DEPT. Annual CARNIVAL" is in large, bold, red and green letters. Below the title, it says "Veterans Memorial Park, Southwest Ave." and "FOOD - RIDES - GAMES - BINGO". The dates "JUNE 28, 29, 30" are prominently displayed. A red banner at the bottom says "FIREWORKS SHOW". Below that, it says "Friday, June 29 9:30 pm" and "Rain Date Sat. June 30". The bottom-most section, in a dark blue banner, says "PARADE Saturday 6:15". On the left side, there is a fire department emblem and a cartoon firefighter holding a fire hose with fireworks in the background.

Free PARKING **WINDSOR LOCKS FIRE DEPT.** **Free ADMISSION**

Annual
CARNIVAL

Veterans Memorial Park, Southwest Ave.

FOOD - RIDES - GAMES - BINGO

JUNE 28, 29, 30

FIREWORKS SHOW

Friday, June 29 9:30 pm **Rain Date**
Sat. June 30

PARADE Saturday 6:15

2018 CARNIVAL AND FIREWORKS

WINDSOR LOCKS FIRE DEPT. ANNUAL CARNIVAL

June 28,29,30

Fireworks Fri June 29th at 9:30 pm
(rain date, Sat. June 30th at 9:30 pm)

Parade Saturday 6:15 pm

**Veterans' Memorial Park
Southwest Avenue
Windsor Locks, Connecticut**



Food
Rides
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Fire Breaks Out In Shed





Firefighters were dispatched just after 3:30pm on Saturday April 14th to 11 George Rd for a shed fire. The shed and its contents were destroyed. There were no injuries. [Photo gallery](#) by Coral Ruggiero, WLFD

Check Your Smoke Alarms

Hear the **BEEP** where you **SLEEP**

Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!

Half of home fire deaths happen between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are asleep.



For the best protection, install interconnected smoke alarms in your home. When one sounds, they all sound.

Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms.



Test alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.



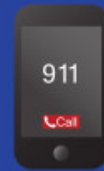
Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or if they do not sound when tested.



Some people, especially children and older adults, may need help to wake up. Make sure someone will wake them if the smoke alarm sounds.



When the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.



Call the fire department from a cellphone or a neighbor's phone. Stay outside until the fire department says it's safe to go back inside.

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www.nfpa.org



Home Heating Safety

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General Rules for Heating Your Home



- 1.** Select heating equipment that is rated by the manufacturer for the size space you intend to heat.
- 2.** Have any installation done by a professional, if possible, and make sure all fuel-burning equipment is vented to the outside.
- 3.** Keep your heating equipment and anything that can burn at least 3 feet apart.
- 4.** Have your heating equipment inspected and cleaned every fall just before heating season.
- 5.** Never use or store flammable or combustible liquids near or in rooms with heaters.
- 6.** Make sure your heating equipment is allowed in your community.
- 7.** Install carbon monoxide alarms in your home.
- 8.** Cooking appliances should not be used to heat a home.



55 Year Active Member Herbert "Bud" Staiger Jr. Passes Away



Herbert O. "Bud" Staiger, Jr., 77, lifelong resident of Windsor Locks and longtime resident of Saratoga, NY entered into Eternal Rest on Thursday, December 21, 2017, at St. Francis Hospital. Bud was born April 21, 1940, in Hartford, CT the son of the late Herbert O. Sr. and Marion (Biardi) Staiger. Bud was raised in Windsor Locks and a graduate of Windsor Locks High School Class of 1958. After High School he attended the University of Hartford where he received his BS degree in Business Administration/ Marketing in 1962. Bud was self employed as a manufacturer representative in care of stocking premium distribution of consumer goods to financial institutions and businesses. Bud sold the business in 1988 upon retiring. He enjoyed horse racing in Saratoga where he owned both standard bred race horses and thoroughbreds. Bud also played poker once a month with his Saratoga buddies. He was an active member of the Windsor Locks Volunteer Fire Department for 55 years and an active member of the Quaker Springs Volunteer Fire Department in New York for over 15 years. He was a charter member of Windsor Locks Fire Department Fife and Drum Corps, a member of the Knights of Columbus Riverside Council 26 in Windsor Locks, the Elks Lodge # 1893 in Manchester, the Polish American Club, The Italian American Club of Windsor Locks and the Fraternal Order of the Eagles Club in Saratoga Springs. In addition to his wife, Margaret (Easton) "Peggy" to whom he was married 55 years he is also survived by his son, Herbert O. "Chip" Staiger, III and his significant other, Christine Palombo; his grandson, Herbert O. "CJ" Staiger, IV and his fiancé, Samantha Pepin; his granddaughter, Lauren M. Staiger; his sister, Carol J. Staiger all of Windsor Locks. Relatives and friends are welcome to join the family during visiting hours on Tuesday, December 26, 2017, from 4 pm to 8 pm at the Windsor Locks Funeral Home, 441 Spring St., Windsor Locks. A funeral service for Bud will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 27, 2017, at 10 am at the funeral home. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery. Memorial contributions in memory of Bud will be made to the Windsor Locks Volunteer Fire Department, 2 Volunteer Dr., Windsor Locks, CT 06096 or to the Quaker Springs Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 67, Schuylerville, New York 12871. For online expressions of sympathy or directions please visit

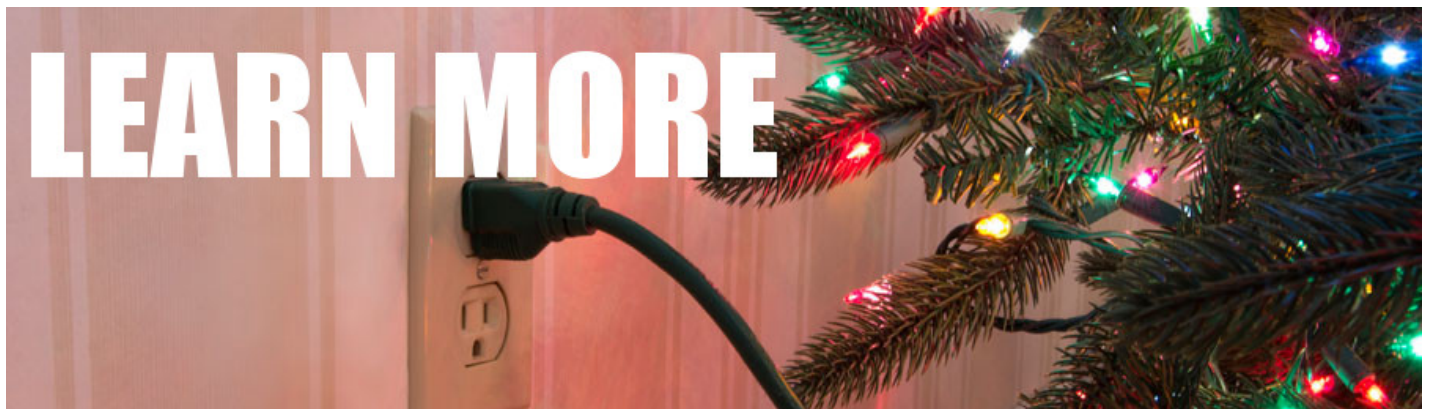
www.windsorlocksfuneralhome.com

Thank You For Your Support



Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our Annual Xmas Tree Sale. Thanks to you, WE SOLD OUT! All of the members of the Windsor Locks Fire Department would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Christmas Tree Safety



WLFD Xmas Tree Sale is OPEN



Our Annual Xmas Tree sale is now open at the Elm Street entrance of the Public Safety Complex. All trees are \$35 and we offer FREE in-town delivery. Open daily from 8am to 4pm. Thank you for your continued support.

Kidde Fire Extinguisher Recall



PRODUCT SAFETY NOTICE

Annual Memorial Service



On Saturday October 28th, the fire department along with family and friends, honored the fallen members of the Windsor Locks Fire Department at the Annual Memorial Service, which was followed by a Mass at St. Robert Bellarmine Church. [Photo Gallery](#) by Coral Ruggiero

Car Fire Closes Off-Ramp to RT 75



A fully involved car fire closed the west bound RT 75 off ramp of RT 20 shortly before 4pm on Saturday. Firefighters were able to quickly extinguish the fire and no injuries were reported.

Firefighters Extricate 2 People from Rollover



Two people had to be extricated from a 2 car MVA rollover on RT 20 east bound this morning. [Photo gallery](#)

2017 Fire Prevention Week

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In a fire, seconds count. Seconds can mean the difference between residents of our community escaping safely from a fire or having their lives end in tragedy.

That's why this year's Fire Prevention Week theme: "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" is so important. It reinforces why everyone needs to have an escape plan. Here's this year's key campaign messages:

- [Draw a map of your home](#) (PDF) with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.
- Close doors behind you as you leave – this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.

Carnival and Fireworks Tonight!

The rain will be ending after 2pm and clearing skies are on tap for this evening. The carnival will be open at 6pm and the FIREWORKS are scheduled for 9:30pm. Come on out and support the WLFD and enjoy our spectacular fireworks display sponsored by our local businesses.

PARKING is available for free on the grounds of Veteran's Memorial Park. Please arrive early as the parking usually fills up by 8:30pm. The paved parking lot near the Southwest Ave entrance of the park is designated for handicap permitted vehicles. All other vehicles will be parking in the rear grass lot behind the carnival. Be advised there is NO PARKING on the side streets around the park. Additional parking is available at the Windsor Locks High School which is about a 10 min walk to the park.

When leaving the grounds, vehicles may exit to the rear of the lot onto South Elm St or back through the main entrance onto Southwest Ave.

Have a safe night and thank you for your support!

2017 WLFD CARNIVAL



Arrival of the NEW Engine 3

The Windsor Locks Fire Department has taken delivery of its newest apparatus. Engine 3, a 2017 Seagrave Marauder II Custom Pumper, was recently delivered and will soon be responding to calls in town. Engine 3 replaces our 27 year old Mack/Ranger, Engine 6. [Apparatus Gallery](#)



Call Sent

The call has been sent as a SMS Text and has been posted on Twitter.

Tractor Trailer Fire Closes RT 20



A Fedex tractor trailer caught fire on RT 20 west bound near Old Country Rd on Friday just after 2pm. Firefighters from Windsor Locks and Windsor were on scene for a few hours. No injuries were reported. [Photo Gallery](#) by FF Dave Marquis, WLFD

Firefighters Battle Fire at Ahlstrom



Fire broke out in a machine and spread to portions of the roof at the Ahlstrom Main Mill on Canal Bank Rd around 3:30p on Monday. Mutual aid was called in from Warehouse Point, Enfield, Suffield and Windsor as it took over two hours to extinguish the fire. No injuries were reported and the fire is under investigation by the Windsor Locks Fire Marshal's Office. [Photo Gallery](#).

WLFD Honors Members at Annual Banquet



On Saturday December 17th, the Windsor Locks Fire Department held its Annual Banquet. Several members were honored with service awards, including David Marquis for 10 years, Drew Hill for 15 years, Father O'Grady for 20 years and a special honor was made for Lieutenant Joseph Lapierre, III for his 25 years of service. Joey is pictured with his family above, including his father, former fire chief, Joseph Lapierre Jr. Congratulations to all award recipients. [View Photo Gallery](#).

Apartment Fire Quickly Extinguished



A fire broke out in an apartment at 50 Chestnut St Sunday evening. Firefighters were able to quickly extinguish the fire. Several people were displaced by the fire. No injuries were reported and the fire is under investigation by the Fire Marshal's office. [Photos](#) by Coral Ruggiero

Driver Extricated After Rollover



Firefighters had to extricate a person from a motor vehicle that rolled over on RT 20 westbound around 6pm on Wednesday evening. [Photo Gallery](#)

WLFD Annual Memorial Service



On Saturday, October 29th, members of the Windsor Locks Fire Department, families and friends, honored the fallen members of the department at it's annual memorial service. A ceremony at the memorial bell was followed by a service at the St. Robert Bellarmine Church. At the memorial bell, names were read of all members who have passed away and a memorial wreath was placed at the bell. [Photo Gallery](#)

Motorcylce Fire at Veteran's Park



Firefighters quickly extinguished a fully involved motorcylce fire Friday at Veteran's Memorial Park on Southwest Ave.

Fire Destroys WL Garage



Fire broke out in a garage at 217 Southwest Ave around 2pm on Sunday, October 2nd. Firefighters were able to quickly extinguish the flames, but not before extensive damage was done to the one car detached garage. No one was injured in the blaze and the fire is under investigation by the Windsor Locks Fire Marshal's office. Photo taken by Kelly Moylan. [View full photo gallery.](#)

CT Fallen Firefighter Memorial



Windsor Locks Tower 1 flies the American flag with the CT Fire Academy ladder truck Sunday, September 25th at the 14th annual CT Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service, held at Connecticut Fire Academy, Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman in attendance. *Photo by Coral Ruggiero*

Garbage Truck Fire Briefly Closes Ramp to RT 20



Firefighters were called to the 91 South ramp to RT 20 West shortly after 10am on Wednesday. The load inside the truck had to be dumped out on the highway allowing firefighters to extinguish the fire.

[Photo Gallery](#)

Schools Are Open



Windsor Locks Public Schools opened on Thursday, September 1st. Please watch out for children and drive carefully.

2016 WLFD Carnival and Fireworks

WINDSOR LOCKS
FIRE DEPT.
ANNUAL CARNIVAL

July 7,8,9
Fireworks Friday July 8th at 9:30 pm
(rain date, Sat. July 9th at 9:30 pm)
Parade Saturday 6:15 pm

Veterans' Memorial Park
Southwest Avenue
Windsor Locks, Connecticut



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2016 WLFD Scholarship Awarded



Congratulations to Kyle Reardon for being awarded the 2016 Windsor Locks Fire Department Scholarship. WLFD Fire Chief Gary Ruggiero, presented the scholarship to Kyle at an awards ceremony on June 1, 2016. Kyle will be graduating from the CREC Public Safety Academy on June 16th and will be attending Asnuntuck Community College in the fall as he begins his pursuit of a degree in Fire Science.



Fully Involved Car Fire



Firefighters responded to 54 North Main St just before 6pm on Wed. for a fully involved car fire. The fire was quickly extinguished and no one was injured.

[Photo gallery](#)

Tractor Trailer Rollover



A FedEx tractor trailer rolled over on the ramp from 91 south to RT 20 west early Wednesday morning. The driver was able to get himself out of the vehicle and the crash took several hours to clear. [Photo Gallery](#)

The 411 on Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms save lives. If there is a fire in your home, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out. Having a working smoke alarm cuts the chances of dying in a reported fire in half. Almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

Here's what you need to know!

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home.
- Test your smoke alarms every month.
- When a smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside.
- Replace all smoke alarms in your home every 10 years
- More about staying safe with smoke alarms.

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Firefighter Donna M. Kupernik Passes Away

The Windsor Locks Fire Department regrets to announce the passing of active firefighter Donna M. Kupernik. Donna was the beloved wife of our late Fire Chief, Willam Kupernik and the mother of active firefighter's William and John Kupernik. While this is a difficult time for all members of the department, our hearts go out to all of Donna's family and friends.



Donna Mae (Scotto) Kupernik, 73, lifelong resident of Windsor Locks, beloved wife of the late Fire Chief William Kupernik passed away on Wednesday, December 23, 2015, at Brigham and Women's Hospital surrounded by her loving family. She was born on December 1, 1942, in Hartford, CT and was the daughter of the late Aurelio and Katherine (Barbieri) Scotto.

Tree takes on sentimental meaning in Windsor Locks

Courtesy of WFSB.com

By Michael Agogliati

WINDSOR LOCKS, CT (WFSB) -



The last tree for sale at the Windsor Locks Fire Department has taken on sentimental meaning this year.

The fire department sells trees annual and this had one left this year. Members of the community then took it upon themselves to decorate the remaining tree.

"What they did was they put some decorations of some of their deceased family members and friends and quite a few people, and it started off as a couple of little decorations," lieutenant Joe LaPierre said Thursday.

LaPierre said the department found out through Facebook that many people in the community had a special connection to the tree. Firefighters then decided to move the tree closer to the road so more people could decorate.

"People started to catch on and now the tree has about 50 ornaments on it," LaPierre said. "It really means something to many of these people."

The department has not decided yet if this will become a tradition, but said it will hang on to the ornaments after they take the tree down sometime in the new year.

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Read more: <http://www.wfsb.com/story/30825765/tree-takes-on-sentimental-meaning-in-windsor-locks#ixzz3vOWmeNZV>

Deck the Halls with Fire Safety

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Xmas Tree Sale



WLFD Xmas Tree Sale

Thank You for all of Your Support

We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

2015 WLFD Carnival & Fireworks

Click image for full poster.

WINDSOR LOCKS

FIRE DEPT.

ANNUAL CARNIVAL

JULY 9, 10, 11

Fireworks on Friday, July 10 at 9:30 pm

Fireworks by Atlas Raindate July 11 at 9:30 pm

Parade on Saturday, July 11 at 6:15 pm

Thursday Peter Devine, After Hours DJ Entertainment

Friday Peter Devine, After Hours DJ Entertainment

Saturday Off the Cufflinx

Firefighters Battle Truck Fire



Firefighters were called to the American Honda plant at 555 Old County Rd on Friday evening for a fully involved truck fire backed up to a loading dock. No injuries were reported and the fire is under investigation by the Fire Marshal's Office. Photo by FF R. Magleora.

2015 WLFD Scholarship Awarded



Congratulations to Windsor Locks High School senior, Michael Smalley, who was awarded the 2015 Windsor Locks Fire Department Scholarship. The scholarship was presented on Wednesday, June 3rd, by WLFD Fire Chief Gary Ruggiero at the Senior Awards Night. Michael will be attending Springfield College in the fall majoring in Criminal Justice.

New Windsor Locks Online Scanner



A new scanner is now online for Windsor Locks. The scanner broadcasts the Windsor Locks Police, Fire and EMS as well as the Bradley Airport Fire Department, East Windsor EMS, Warehouse Point Fire and Broad Brook Fire

The feed can be listened to by computer at [Broadcastify](#) or on [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) devices by installing the Gordon Edwards, Scanner Radio App.



ANDROID APP ON
Google play



Available on the
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Former Deputy Chief Charles Wezowicz Passes Away



Charles Wezowicz - May 1970

It is with deep sadness that the Windsor Locks Fire Department announces the passing of former Deputy Chief, Charles J. Wezowicz (1926-2015)

Charlie, 88, passed away on Thursday, January 29, 2015. Charlie was a 69 year member of the Windsor Locks Fire Department, at one point serving as Deputy Chief.

For more information please see the [Windsor Locks Funeral Home](#).

Have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving

Turkey Fryer Safety

NFPA discourages the use of outdoor gas-fueled turkey fryers that cook the turkey in hot oil. The use of turkey fryers can lead to devastating burns, other injuries and the destruction of property.

The Dangers of Turkey Fryers



[Click here to read more...](#)

The NEW Tower 1 Now in Service



The WLFD has taken delivery of the new Tower 1. The 95' boom was removed and refurbished from the old 1992 chassis and mounted on a new 2014 Seagrave chassis.

As of Nov. 21st the new Tower 1 is in service!

Vehicle Fire at Concorde Landing



Firefighters responded to Concorde Landing shortly before 5pm on Tuesday for a working car fire. The fire was quickly extinguished by the crew of Engine 5. No injuries were reported.

Windsor Locks Schools Are Open - Drive Carefully



Windsor Locks Public Schools are now open. Please drive carefully and watch out for children walking and waiting for school buses and please obey all school bus signals.

For additional information about the school system, please check wlps.org

Get Well Trooper Quagilaroli



The members of the Windsor Locks Fire Department would like to wish CT State Trooper Michael Quagilaroli a fast recovery from the injuries he sustained on Aug. 7th. and ask everyone to keep him in their thoughts and prayers.

Michael is a 2005 graduate of Windsor Locks High School and served in Afghanistan with the United State Air Force.

[Story on WFSB](#). Photo from Facebook.

LIVE MUSIC SAT. JULY 12th!



2014 WLFD Carnival July 10-12th

Opens at 6p Thrs and Fri. and Sat immediately after the parade.

WINDSOR LOCKS FIRE DEPT. ANNUAL CARNIVAL

Fireworks Friday July 11th, 9:30pm
(Rain Date: Sat. July 12th, 9:30pm)
Parade Saturday July 12th, 6:15pm

Veterans' Memorial Park
Southwest Avenue
Windsor Locks, Connecticut



Food
Rides
Games
Bingo
Free
Parking
Free
Admission

Pay One Price - Ride All Night - Available All 3 Nights

Fire Reported at Windsor Locks High School Storage Trailer

[NBC Connecticut](#)

Firefighters have responded to property at Windsor Locks High School for a fire in a storage trailer.

Officials said it appears to be under control and the high school is not affected.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

No additional information was immediately available.

WLFD Honors Members with Service Awards



The Windsor Locks Fire Department honored several members on Dec. 7th at their annual banquet held at fire department. Pictured are William "Billy" Sheridan and Herbert "Buddy" Staiger, Jr. who were presented with special awards for 25 and 50 years of service respectively. Congratulations to

all of the dedicated volunteers who were presented with service awards for sacrificing their time to serve their community for so many years. Please check out the [large gallery of photos taken by Jerry Dougherty](#)

Andrew J. Flanagan Memorial Scholarship



The Flanagan Scholarship for Active Firefighters

This Scholarship program was established in 1974 by the Connecticut State Firefighters Association, the Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association, the Connecticut Fire Marshals Association, and the Connecticut Fire Department Instructors Association, to honor the memory of Andrew J. Flanagan.

Andy Flanagan was for many years the Training Officer for the New Haven Fire Department, as well as the Treasurer of the Connecticut State Firemen's Association. Following his retirement from the department as a Battalion Chief, he was appointed the first full-time Director of Fire Training for the State of Connecticut. He held this position until his death in 1972.

Andy was a strong proponent of continuing education for firefighters and was instrumental in establishing the Connecticut Technical College Fire Technology Associate Degree Program. These Scholarship awards are granted in an effort to carry on with his vision.

Several Scholarships will be awarded. [Click here for an Application form.](#)

New NFPA News App



Stay connected with NFPA wherever you go! NFPA News provides the latest happening in the fire, electrical and life safety industry. This application allows users to access all of the breaking news, code developments, public safety, social media updates, and multimedia in one easy to use to package. The free app is available for [Android](#) and [iPhone](#) platforms.

Firefighters Drill on Engine 2 Foam System

September 24, 2013 - Video of Engine 2 flowing water from the front bumper turret during the annual foam system test. Engine 2, a 2003 Sutphen, is designed to allow the driver to operate the pump and flow water or foam onto a fire from the front bumper turret without ever leaving the cab of the truck. [Photos](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/S-8oR6CWtK8?rel=0&fs=1&wmode=transparent>

Firefighters Quickly Extinguish Garage Fire



September 17, 2013 - Fire broke out shortly before 9pm in a two-story detached garage at 300 Old County Rd. Firefighters were told that a person was trapped inside the garage and quickly knocked down the fire and conducted a search of the building. The person reported to be inside was located safely outside of the garage.

No injuries were reported and the fire is under investigation by the Windsor Locks Fire Marshal's Office.

In Memory of Chief Kenneth "Kenny" Jeffery (1952-2003)



On December 31, 2003, the Windsor Locks Fire Department announced the passing of active Fire Chief Kenneth J. Jeffery. Kenny passed away in the line of duty while performing his job of Assistant Fire Chief at the Submarine Base Fire Department in Groton, CT.

Firefighters Rescue 3 From Flash Flood

WLFD Receives \$14,000 Grant from UPS Foundation

Windsor Locks, CT—7/8/2013 -- Windsor Locks Fire Dept. received a \$14,000.00 grant from The UPS Foundation, the charitable arm of UPS (NYSE:UPS). The grant will be used to replace the Hurst tools on Engine 5 commonly known as the "jaws of life".

In 2012, the UPS foundation awarded a grant of \$8,200.00 to replace the pump portion of the Hurst tool. This years grant will replace the cutter and spreader portions of the tool which is obsolete.

Established in 1951 and based in Atlanta, Ga., The UPS Foundation identifies specific areas where its backing clearly impacts social issues. In support of this strategic approach, The UPS Foundation has identified the following focus areas for giving: non-profit effectiveness, economic & global literacy, encouraging diversity, community safety and environmental sustainability.

In 2011, The UPS Foundation distributed nearly \$45.3 million worldwide through grants that benefit organizations or programs such as the Windsor Locks Fire Dept. and provide support for building stronger communities.

"The UPS Foundation is honored to support the Windsor Locks Fire Dept's efforts to serve and protect the Town of Windsor Locks" said Eduardo Martinez, president of the UPS Foundation. "Our goal is to fund powerful programs that make a lasting difference to the global community."

