



COMMISSION ON FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL



DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

Meeting Minutes – Friday, 3.06.2026

Date: Friday, March 06, 2026

Time: 0930 – 1130 hours

Location: Connecticut Fire Academy – Commission Room

Subcommittee: Training, Education, and Continuing Development

Executive Participants: Co-Chairs Dr. William Perez and Captain AB Turenne

In Attendance: William Perez, AB Turenne, Peter Morrotto, Lauri Volkert, Caitlin Clarkson-Pereira, Sara Beckert, Cezar Milewicz, PJ Norwood, David Lee, Kelly Nelson, Brian Hurst, Brian Marino, Mark Wilson.

Absent: Andrew Cooke, Fran Jones, Robert Norton

Call to Order: 0932 hours

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Co-Chair William Perez

Opening Remarks: Subcommittee Co-Chairs welcomed all subcommittee members with thanks and gratitude for their willingness to become part of the process with moving training, education, and continuing development in a forward and progressive manner.

Introductions (*names, affiliated department/agency, background in education and experience*) given by all in attendance via round table discussion which highlighted the diversity and strengths of the subcommittee as a whole.

Future Meetings: The Subcommittee unanimously decided to hold monthly meetings falling on the 1st Friday of each month (moving forward one week if coincides with a holiday). Each monthly meeting will be conducted from 0930 to 1130 and take place in-person once each quarter (March, June, September, and December).

Expectations: Co-Chairs discussed the expectations regarding attendance, structure of communications, and how the subcommittee will be working in a collaborative and task oriented manner. All in attendance were in understanding of the expectations brought forward.

Strategic Focus: Based on our discussion, the following three priority areas emerged for further exploration and research by the subcommittee.

Subcommittee priority areas identified during the initial meeting:

1. Support the development and implementation of statewide standards for fire service education and training.
2. Promote responder readiness by integrating education on mental health, physical wellness, and operational safety.
3. Expand access to continuing education and professional development through multiple delivery platforms.

Adjournment: Motion made by Caitlin Clarkson-Pereira and seconded by Sara Beckert, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 1133 hours.