



# STATE FIRE MARSHAL MESSAGE

## FIRE PREVENTION-FIREFIGHTER SAFETY



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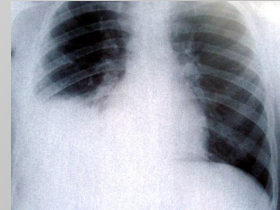
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The fire hydrant will soon be the center of attention as the Senate takes up [S 2254](#) which passed the Assembly last year. The bill, sponsored by Senator Jim Whelan (D-2), requires municipalities, water utilities and abutting property owners to clear and mark hydrants.

Hydrants have existed in some form since their inception as a "plug" in the wooden water mains of 18th Century. The "plug" was the repair made to the main after a hole was cut to fight a fire. The term "plug-ugly" came from the hearty fellows who guarded a plug for the fire company against its use by another competing fire company. Benjamin Franklin put an end to this practice.

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Statistics clearly show that the nature of firefighting, which continues to affect the

lifestyles of many firefighters, is increasing.

The International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) is offering a [free](#) webinar which will allow you to hear firsthand what researchers are finding and more importantly, what measures need to be taken by individual firefighters to avoid becoming a statistic. The webinar will be offered Tuesday, January 13, 2015 @1100 hours. It will also be archived for download.

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