



OLR BACKGROUNDER: COMMISSION ON FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL

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FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL COMMISSION

The commission's stated mission is to "prevent or mitigate the effects of fire and disasters, either natural or man-made, on the citizens of the State of Connecticut."

The commission appoints a state fire administrator who must, among other things, (1) administer the state's responsibilities under federal laws relevant to fire service; (2) develop a master fire prevention and control plan; (3) maintain a fire service information program; (4) collect, analyze, and disseminate fire prevention data; and (5) coordinate the training and education of fire service personnel (CGS § 7-323n, [CGS § 7-323o](#)).

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Briefly describe the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control

The Commission on Fire Prevention and Control is within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) ([CGS § 7-323k](#)). Its primary responsibility is to provide training, life safety education, and professional competency certification to Connecticut fire service personnel. This includes:

1. recommending promotion and minimum education and physical fitness standards for firefighters,
2. setting education and training standards for fire service personnel and developing and conducting examinations for certifying them,
3. conducting firefighter training and education programs, and
4. appointing a state fire administrator to head the Office of the State Fire Administration ([CGS § 7-323j](#)).

The 14-member commission consists of (1) 12 members appointed by the governor and qualified, by experience or education, in fire protection, fire prevention, fire suppression, firefighting, and related fields and (2) the state fire marshal and the president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education, or their designees, who serve as ex-officio, voting members ([CGS § 7-323k](#)). Table 1 shows the composition of the commission.

Table 1: Commission Membership

Member Representing	Number
Connecticut State Firefighter's Association	2
Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association	2
Uniformed Firefighters of the International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO	2
Connecticut Fire Marshals Association	2
Connecticut Fire Department Instructors Association	2
Connecticut Conference of Municipalities	2

The commission currently has a staff of 15 (13 General Fund positions and three privately funded positions) to help the state fire administrator carry out the day-to-day responsibilities of the commission and approximately 176 per diem fire instructors.

The commission must meet where and as often as it deems proper. Its members are appointed to three-year terms. They serve without compensation ([CGS § 7-323k](#)).

The commission's main office is at the Connecticut Fire Academy in Windsor Locks.

The list of current commissioners is attached and also available here: <http://www.ct.gov/cfpc/cwp/view.asp?a=831&Q=245574&cfpcPNavCtr=|30735|#30737>

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