

# Just in Time Training

## Information Bulletin

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Reading a recent Firehouse Magazine, I was noticing an article written by Ron Moore talking about the Ford Transit Connect. I decided to go to a local Ford Dealer and look at them myself. Not that the vehicle is anything sporty or something I would be interested in, but the one thing that caught my attention was the hood latch release.



One other thing...these vehicles can be either gasoline fueled, electric or Compresses Natural Gas (CNG).

The hood latch release is not in the customary location by the drivers left foot on the bottom of the "A" post. It is located on the grill behind the Ford Oval. Flipping the Ford Oval to the left (passenger side) will expose a lock with key access. Inserting the key and turning will open the hood much like the trunk lock operates. This style of hood latch release has been used in Europe for many years now. Not that this could be a safety issue, but it may save firefighters from looking tediously for the release. We all know how us firefighters operate....if you can't find a release, start prying, which sometimes is not the easiest and fastest way.