



National Fire Academy Florida State Weekend



September 19 – 20, 2009

at the National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, MD

Courses available this year:

- Community Risk Issues & Prevention Intervention (W347)
- Executive Skills Series: Managing and Leading Changes (W517)

Limited seats in:

- *PILOT CLASS*: Commissioning New Occupancies (CNO)
- Cooperative Leadership Issues in Wildland/Urban Interface Operations (W613)
- Introduction to Wildland and Wildland/Urban Interface Firefighting for Structural Company Officer (W610)
- Initial Response to Hazardous Materials Incidents: Basic Concepts (W809)
- Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist I (W626)
- Methods of Enhancing Safety Education (W344)
- Shaping the Future (W602)

Effective October 1, 2007 all National Fire Academy on-campus students must complete ICS 100 level and ICS 200 level training before arriving at the National Emergency Training Center.

Registration Information

The registration fee is \$80.00 payable to *NFA Weekend* and includes meals from Friday evening through Sunday lunch. The registration fee does not cover airfare. Please submit the registration fee along with the completed course selection form and NFA application to NFA Weekend, 11655 NW Gainesville Road, Ocala, FL 34482, **no later than August 12, 2009**. If you have any questions, please contact the Florida State Fire College Registrar's office at (352) 369-2800 or e-mail colleen.miller@myfloridacfo.com

Transportation

Participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements to the National Fire Academy by airfare or other means. If airfare is chosen, the participants who want to use bus transportation to BWI must schedule their arrival to occur at BWI airport no later than 2:00 PM on Friday, September 18, 2009. The only bus transportation provided will depart BWI precisely at 3:00 PM. Participants using the bus transportation will also be transported back to BWI on Sunday, September 20, 2009. **Return flights should be scheduled after 5:30 PM to ensure adequate travel time from the National Fire Academy.** Please complete the airport pick-up section on the attached course selection form. If the transportation section is not completed, seating may not be available.

NFA Weekend 2009 Course Descriptions

(W347) CRIPI: Community Risk Issues and Prevention Interventions

Course description: This course is designed for students who work in the field of prevention. Students learn a basic overview of the "three E's" of prevention--education, engineering, and enforcement. The course concludes that the most effective way to combat community risk issues is to develop strategies that use all "three E's." The course is designed to provide the motivation and leadership for local organizations to enhance their prevention efforts. Course content includes* evaluation of the types and levels of community prevention;* how injuries, fires, and burns can be prevented;* strategies and countermeasures to help people understand the injury, fire, or burn event and reduce the loss; and* prevention approaches--behavior changes, legislation, and enforcement and engineering.

Selection criteria: * Prevention personnel in local organizations.* Persons serving on local or State prevention committees.* Fire marshals, inspectors, and public educators.* Career and volunteer firefighters who have prevention responsibilities.* EMS personnel who coordinate community life-support programs.* Community volunteers wishing to enhance fire and life safety efforts.* Community health educators.* Part-time or full-time public educators.

(W517) Executive Skills Series: Managing and Leading Changes (ESS:MLC)

Course Description: In this 2-day course, students will be introduced to a four-step model for managing change effectively. These activities include analysis, planning, implementation, and evaluation. The same model will be used to examine the executive role of leading change. A variety of activities and simulations will apply theories to contemporary issues that executive officers experience daily. This course is for senior fire officers of both career and volunteer fire/emergency services organizations.

Selection Criteria: * Chief of department or equivalent.* Chief officers who head major bureaus or functions within a department (e.g., suppression, prevention, training, emergency medical services, etc.).* Battalion-level officers of IAFC-designated "metro-size" departments. Selection Priority: Sponsoring organizations should require documentation of rank/functions to ensure student selection criteria are maintained.

******Limited seats******

PILOT CLASS: (CNO) Commissioning New Occupancies

Course Description: This two-day course will enable the student to develop strategic approaches to solve the management challenge of getting a building or occupancy commissioned so the code official is confident all the life safety and fire protection systems and features are working together properly and the structure is ready for human use. Course content will include the code official's and owners' legal obligations and liabilities during commissioning, the challenge of commissioning buildings of different sizes and complexity with limited staff, an overview of what systems/features constitute "fire and life safety features", commissioning and testing alternatives, and documentation and record keeping.

Selection Criteria: *Individuals who are, or expect to be, responsible for verifying a building or occupancy is ready to receive a certificate of occupancy. NOTE: Local jurisdictions are encouraged to submit applications of both their fire and building officials to attend a course together if both meet the selection criteria. Applications must be submitted together, be approved and signed by the head of the sponsoring organization, with a cover letter indicating that they are applying as a team.

*****Limited seats*****

(W613) Cooperative Leadership Issues in Wildland/Urban Interface Operations

Course Description: This course is designed to provide students with the essential tools and skills to operate safely in a wildland/urban interface incident. It is designed in a modular format to be offered as a 2-day course or optional modules after completing Command and Control of Wildland/Urban Interface Fire Operations for the Structural Chief Officer. Course content covers strategy development (simulation exercise), overview of the emergency management plan, new development issues, working with property owners, environmental issues, cultural issues, historic issues, news media, and cooperative leadership (simulation exercise).

Selection Criteria: Chief or company officers who may have command responsibility for multiple resources at the scene of a wildland/urban interface incident.

(W610) Introduction to Wildland and Wildland/Urban Interface Firefighting for Structural Company Officer

Course Description: This 2-day course identifies operational activities and safety concerns for structural company officers assigned to a Wildland/Wildland Urban Interface incident. Topics covered include Introduction to Wildland/Wildland Urban Interface firefighting, interface environment, wildland fire behavior, command and control issues of wildland/urban interface firefighting, and tactics.

Selection Criteria: Company officers or chief officers who may be in command of a single resource or Strike Team at the scene of a Wildland/Wildland Urban Interface incident.

(W-809) Initial Response to Hazardous Materials Incidents: Basic Concepts

Course Description: This course is designed to give the participant an understanding of the basic concepts and techniques of hazardous materials first response. Instruction is based on 29 CFR 1910.120 (OSHA) and 40 CFR 311 (EPA), but does not include "hands-on" practical applications/simulation exercises.

Selection Criteria: Any emergency personnel who might normally be expected to respond to incidents involving hazardous materials as described in 29 CFR 1910.120 or 40 CFR 311.

(W626) Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist I

Course Description: The goal of this course is to provide the skills and tools necessary to become a Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist I. The class will address the NFPA 1035 Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist I including: Introduction; Primary Prevention; Identification and Intake; Who Sets Fires and Why; and Interviewing and Intervention Strategies. Students will be introduced to the NFPA 1035 Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist I Professional Standard. The individual will learn to conduct an interview with a firesetter and their family using prepared forms and guidelines and who based on recommended practice may determine the need for referral for counseling and/or implement educational intervention strategies to mitigate effects of firesetting behavior.

Selection Criteria: Individuals who have responsibilities related to Juvenile Firesetting Intervention, interviewing, and prevention. The target audience includes practitioners who interact with children who are involved in firesetting and/or arson behavior and their families. In addition to the fire service, professionals from a myriad of fields including Mental Health, Law Enforcement, Education, Counseling Services, and Social Services can benefit from the training.

******Limited seats******

(W344) Methods of Enhancing Safety Education

Course Description: This 2-day course is designed for those who coordinate or assist their organization in public education. The course does not teach people how to deliver safety programs; rather it supports efforts to enhance safety education in their organizations and in their communities. Content is ideal for students from smaller or volunteer organizations who wish to enhance their public education and prevention efforts. Students will outline ideas and plans that they would like to apply when they return home. Students who take this 2-day program will be able to determine if public education is valued in their organizations and in their communities. Course content emphasizes three simple methods for establishing "roots" in public fire and life safety education: * personal commitment to public education; * determining and improving the organization's role in public education; and * enhancing programs through greater community support.

Selection Criteria: * Those who serve on local or State prevention or public education committees. * Fire suppression personnel or volunteer firefighters who coordinate public education. * Volunteer firefighters who wear many "hats," including public education. * EMS personnel who coordinate programs such as basic life support. * Community volunteers wishing to enhance fire and life safety efforts. * Local schoolteachers who teach safety topics. * Citizens who desire a more active role in safety education. * Community health educators. * Part-time or full-time public fire educators.

(W602) Shaping the Future

Course Description: This 2-day course is the first of two courses on midlevel management covering the skills and techniques midlevel managers will need to provide leadership and direction for their departments. The first module focuses on identifying opportunities and/or problems. Topics include environmental scanning, paradigm shifts, and methods for reframing problems accurately. The second module deals with group problem-solving techniques. The third module explains the need to quantify, justify, and communicate decisions so they will be implemented effectively. Managing change will be discussed in the final module. Topics include people who resist change, overcoming that resistance, and monitoring and evaluating the change before, during, and after implementation.

Selection Criteria: Individuals presently assigned to management positions who supervise first-line officers; and administrative officers responsible for significant staff functions within the organization and who report directly to top management. Individuals presently assigned to top-level management positions with limited opportunity for managerial development through formalized course work; and personnel who are upwardly mobile within their organizations and whose chiefs of department wish to prepare them for increased managerial responsibility.



**2009 National Fire Academy
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Course Selection Form**

Please complete this form and submit it along with your registration fee and completed NFA Application.
Remember to complete the airport pickup section if you need the Bus Transportation service.

Last Name

First Name

Email Address

Department

COURSE SELECTION

Please indicate your first, second and third choice.

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AIRPORT PICK-UP

_____ YES, I will use the bus transportation service from BWI to the National Fire Academy on Friday, September 18th.

_____ YES, I will use the bus transportation service from the National Fire Academy to BWI on Sunday, September 20th.

_____ NO, I do not need bus transportation

The bus company will be notified of number of students on August 20, 2009.

No changes can be made after that date.

NFA WEEKEND SHIRTS

Shirts are provided each year to NFA Florida Weekend participants. To ensure that we have the correct size for each participant, please enter your preferred size.

_____ Size (Small, Med., Lg., XL, XXL, XXXL)