



**Florida State Fire College News**  
**Bureau of Fire Standards and Training**  
**State Fire Marshal**  
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**DIGITAL FINGERPRINTS AVAILABLE VIA PEARSONVUE.COM!!**

Florida Firefighter II, Retention, Firesafety and Special Firesafety Inspector application requirements just became a bit easier to submit and faster to approve. The reason is the availability of digital fingerprinting through our testing partner PearsonVue in cooperation with IBT. With this service, applicants, after submitting their application on-line (Retention, Firesafety and Special Firesafety Inspectors) or submitted by their Training Center (Firefighter II) can have their fingerprints digitally taken and electronically transmitted with results being delivered to the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training in hours instead of days.

The old eight step fingerprint process procedure is now four phases:

**Phase I** – Complete your certification application on-line at [www.floridastatefirecollege.org](http://www.floridastatefirecollege.org).

**Phase II** – Acquire your fingerprint user identification and password.

**Phase III** – To schedule to have your fingerprints taken:

**Phase IV** – Go to the PearsonVue site you selected on your selected date and time and have your fingerprints taken.

Your fingerprints will be sent electronically from PearsonVue to the FBI and FDLE. The results will be sent directly to the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training, normally within 24hrs. For more information visit

[www.floridastatefirecollege.org](http://www.floridastatefirecollege.org)

# Firefighter Health & Safety Conference

SEPTEMBER 8 - 10, 2008

FLORIDA HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER 1500 SAND LAKE ROAD ORLANDO, FL 32809

**RIGHT NOW TOPICS – NATIONAL SPEAKERS – TAKE IT HOME AND PROTECT YOUR FIREFIGHTERS**

- **FIREFIGHTER AND CIVILIAN CO AND CYANIDE POISONING** - HCN is now believed the leading cause of fire fatalities. Prompt recognition and treatment with a new, safer **antidote** can be expected to reduce deaths from fire and smoke inhalation. Mike McEvoy, PhD, REMT-P, RN, CCRN
- **HEAT STRESS: PHYSIOLOGICAL ENEMY ON THE FIREGROUND** - Decrease the risks of heat stress on the fireground. The factors, effects on the body, heat-related illnesses, and developing and implementing effective on-scene rehab plans. Dr. Denise L. Smith, University of Illinois/Illinois Fire Service Institute
- **KILLING & HURTING FF IN LIVE FIRE TRAINING , NEW NFPA STANDARDS, RIT, BEING PREPARED AND MORE**

**Registration and full agenda**  
**at [www.ffca.org](http://www.ffca.org)**

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## Changes in Testing

We are rapidly moving to electronic applications. Those wishing to submit paper applications or support materials requiring hard copy transaction will be accepted but will take longer to process and will soon cost more in fees. Our testing partner, Promissor, has taken the name of its parent company PearsonVue. Once approved to test you will now be directed to PearsonVue.com instead of Promissor.com to arrange for your test location, date and time.



**TESTING (CON'T)** Test banks will be updated this year to reflect new curriculum, questions based upon course objectives and more contextual questions that require the application of acquired knowledge rather than recall. Later this year practical testing for Firefighter II will be expanded, and started for Firefighter 1. These changes are being instituted on a training center by training center basis during the next several months. To date, 16 of our 33 certified training centers have received training and orientation on the new practical exam.

*Received Davis Productivity Award for Reduced Application to Certification Time up to 80%*



## Florida Fallen Firefighter Memorial ENGRAVED BRICK PAVERS

The Joint Council of Fire and Emergency Services along with the Division of State Fire Marshal are proud to announce the addition of engraved pavers to the Florida Fallen Firefighter Memorial courtyard in Ocala. All funds will be used to enhance and maintain the perpetuity of the Florida Fallen Firefighter Memorial honoring the firefighters that made the ultimate sacrifice. Bricks can be bought by a class for completing a course at FSFC or any training center, or by individuals or groups to recognize the passing of an active or retired firefighter, a retirement, a remembrance of a mentor, or special event like the anniversary or formation of a FD or a Local, a reward for an individual/group or department, etc.



Online orders and more information at [www.ffca.org](http://www.ffca.org) or call the Florida State Fire College at 352 369-2800 to have an order form and information faxed or mailed to you.



Florida State Weekend  
at the  
**National Fire Academy**  
Emmitsburg, MD  
**Sept 27 – 28, 2008**

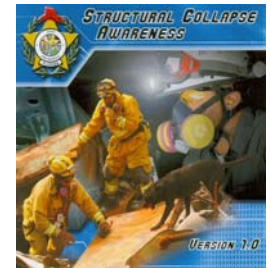


info at [www.myfloridacfo.com/sfm](http://www.myfloridacfo.com/sfm)

<http://greatfloridafireschool.org>

## FREE ONLINE CEUs for Fire Inspector, Instructor, EMT and Paramedic

*Online Structural Collapse Awareness/ State Emergency Response Plan / Field Operations course is now available. 4 CEU's approved for Fire Inspectors – 6 CEU's approved for EMT. Go to [www.florida-elearning.com](http://www.florida-elearning.com).*



The 2006 State Fire Marshal Annual Report is available online at <http://www.fldfs.com/sfm/pdf/sfm2006ar.pdf>

Access to all four Bureaus of the Division of State Fire Marshal, Florida Statutes and Rules (Administrative Code) for the State Fire Marshal, Fire Service News Clips, Declaratory Statements, Notices, meetings and Events at <http://www.myfloridacfo.com/sfm>

**Online Registration Information for FCDICE** [www.floridastatefirecollege.org](http://www.floridastatefirecollege.org) *First time users:* If you have never signed into the system, your initial sign-on will be: ff\*\*\*\*\* (with the asterisk representing your social security number) and the word "password" as your initial password. If you do not remember your sign-on information, on the login page, select "Update your existing profile"

**A LIST:** Get class announcements, notices of meetings and hearings, special notices, and other important information sent directly to your e-mail. Send an e-mail to [fsfc-alist@fldfs.com](mailto:fsfc-alist@fldfs.com) to be added to the list.