



Florida State Fire College News
Bureau of Fire Standards and Training
State Fire Marshal
December 2007



2008 Calendar of Events

Campus Community Emergency Response Team T-t-T at FSFC

January 15 – 17, 2008

Annual Instructor Improvement Workshop at FSFC

April 2 - 4, 2008

Volunteer Week at FSFC

April 16 – 20, 2008

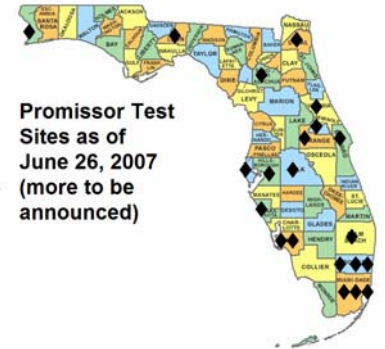
Firefighter Health and Safety Conference in Orlando

September 8 – 10, 2008

For information contact 352-369-2800

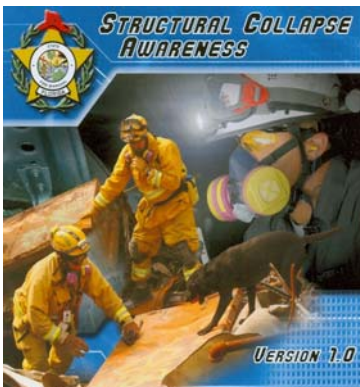
FIRE SERVICE STATE CERTIFICATION TESTING CHANGES

REMINDER: The Bureau of Fire Standards and Training / Division of State Fire Marshal transitioned to “on-demand testing” at local testing centers, which replaced how Florida Fire Service certification exams are processed and given. All written tests are delivered via the new process except; Firefighter I, Firefighter II Initial Written test and Firefighter II Equivalency, Practical Retention and Practical retests



CERTIFICATION APPLICATION PROCESSING COSTS

Certification tests that are given via Promissor – A \$30 testing fee will be paid to Promissor on-line as part of the test registration process. This test fee will apply for each test and retest you register for through Promissor.



Watch for the A-list announcement for Structural Collapse Awareness/ State Emergency Response Plan / Field Operations. CEU approved for Fire Inspectors - local Medical Directors can approve for EMT or Paramedic CEUs.

This course meets NFPA Standards 1670, “Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Rescue Incidents” and is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to respond safely to incidents involving structural collapse. This CD includes both multimedia and instructor-lead formats. It is fully interactive and provides students access to the Florida State Emergency Response Plan (SERP), Field Operations Guide (FOG), and other key resources.

IN THE NEWS

NTSB Finds Low Failure Temp on O₂ Cylinders in Study of Bus Fire

A Department of Transportation (DOT) National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) investigation of a fatal fire aboard a motor coach that transported Hurricane Rita evacuees to Texas on 23 September 2005, yielded important recommendations for personnel of the Emergency Services Sector (ESS). Fire in a rear wheel well quickly engulfed the bus, killing 23 passengers, and injuring 21 others and the bus driver. The passengers were members of the nursing staff and the elderly residents of an assisted-living facility, many of whom used wheelchairs, walkers, and medical oxygen cylinders. The NTSB report concluded that, “The possibility of structural failure in partially pressurized aluminum cylinders when exposed to heat and fire, as occurred on the accident motorcoach, poses a danger to the general public and emergency responders.” PHMSA will work with the response community to develop and disseminate guidance and training concerning the risks associated with fires involving aluminum cylinders and the steps that should be taken to protect both emergency responders and the general public when such cylinders are involved in a vehicle fire. To view the full report, “Motorcoach Fire on Interstate 45 During Hurricane Rita Evacuation Near Wilmer, Texas, September 23, 2005,” visit <http://www.nts.gov/publicctn/2007/HAR0701.pdf>. For a summary of the report, see <http://www.nts.gov/publicctn/2007/HAR0701.htm>.



NFFF FIREFIGHTER SURVIVAL TRAINING PROGRAM



As part of focused effort to help reduce firefighter line-of-duty deaths and injuries nationwide, the National Preparedness Network (PREPnet) will distribute via the Internet the Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives Resource Kit, a powerful media and training tool created by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) as part of its Everyone Goes Home program. The Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives Resource Kit programs are available on the Internet as follows: Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives Part 1 - <http://www.fc-tv.com/clients/prenet/firefighter1.aspx>

Courage to be Safe Train-The Trainer will be offered at Fire Rescue East, February 2008

Fire-Rescue EAST 2008

Building Bridges...

January 22 - 26, 2008

Prime Osborne Center, Jacksonville

Sponsored by the Florida Fire and Emergency Services Foundation
(the Foundation of the Florida Fire Chiefs' Association).

Education sessions by the Florida Society Fire Service Instructors
and Florida State Fire College.

[Preliminary Program and Registration at www.ffca.org](http://www.ffca.org)

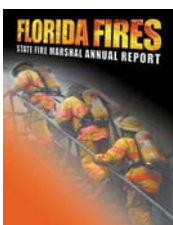


NEW NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY ATTENDANCE POLICY – Any student wishing to attend courses at the National Fire Academy after October 7, 2007 must complete ICS 100 and ICS 200 training prior to that date. Any approved ICS 100/200 classes are acceptable (on line, Forestry, NFA, EMI, etc.). The student will be required to identify the courses they have taken to meet this pre-requisite on the NFA application. (All Firefighters in Florida should have already met this requirement.)

ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM

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. You will be prompted to change “password” immediately.

Due to security reasons, the FCDICE system no longer allows students to change their login and password. If you are currently in the system and cannot remember your login information, please don't create another profile as it causes problems with your class records and certifications. If you need your login or password to be reset, call the Bureau or preferably bring photo ID to the front desk and request the change.



Florida Fires

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.fldfs.com/sfm>

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 to be added to the list.
