



Florida State Fire College News
Bureau of Fire Standards and Training
State Fire Marshal
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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
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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.

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



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.



Florida Fallen Firefighter Memorial ENGRAVED BRICK PAVERS



The Joint Council of Fire and Emergency Services and 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 or call the Florida State Fire College at 352 369-2800 to have an order form and information faxed or mailed to you.

**Northwest Volunteer Firefighter Weekend,
Niceville, FL** *September 17 – 21, 2008*

Visit www.nwflvolunteerffweekend.com for
information



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Florida State Weekend

at the

National Fire Academy

Emmitsburg, MD

Sept 27 – 28, 2008



REGISTRATION DEADLINE AUGUST 18!!!

Info at www.myfloridacfo.com/sfm

Cyanokits® Distributed *by: Bobby Bailey, Office of Emergency Operations*

The Florida Department of Health recently distributed Cyanokit® 5g (hydroxocobalamin for injection) ANTIDOTE, cyanide poisoning treatment kits to Advanced Life Support (ALS) Ground EMS agencies statewide. Distribution of the Cyanokits® has been made possible through a federal homeland security grant.

The goal of this cyanide antidote distribution is to enhance the EMS agencies' ability to treat a potential cyanide exposure of either the first responders primarily, or an encountered victim secondarily. These kits have been selected by the EMS

medical directors from across the state as the preferred antidote kit and they can be used to treat any type of cyanide exposure.

ALS agencies received a minimum of two kits and will have the authority to position the kits as needed to best achieve utilization plans for protection of first responders and potential encountered victims. Placement on ALS permitted vehicles (transport/non-transport), command cars, or HazMat vehicles staffed with a paramedic or in centralized location will vary accordingly to agency size and appropriate proto-

cols.

More information on the Cyanokits® as well as other disaster preparedness initiatives are available at:

<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/demo/ems/disasterresource.html>

If you have questions about this project or any other EMS chemical antidote project, please contact Bobby Bailey, Florida Department of Health, Office of Emergency Operations at 850-251-0743.

**SAVE THE
DATE!!
Florida Fallen
Firefighter
Memorial
October 10,
2008**



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