



*United States Fire Administration*

# *Georgia/Indiana Firefighter Weekend*

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# FEMA



## ***Please join us for the 2016 Georgia/Indiana Firefighter Weekend***

### ***It is that time again for the annual National Fire Academy State Weekend.***

If you have never been to the National Fire Academy located in Emmitsburg, Maryland, this is your opportunity.

**Food:** If you stay on campus, you must purchase a meal ticket. The cost for the meal ticket is \$50.08 There is no tax on the meal ticket. You must purchase you ticket on campus.

**Lodging:** If you decide to stay on campus, lodging is provided free of charge. Staying off campus is on your pocketbook.

**Transportation:** Transportation to NFA is up to the individual, For those interested, traveling with the GFA, is limited.

Through its courses and programs, the National Fire Academy (NFA) works to enhance the ability of fire and emergency services and allied professionals to deal more effectively with fire and related emergencies. The Academy's delivery system is diverse. Courses are delivered at the resident facility in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and throughout the Nation in cooperation with State and local fire training organizations and local colleges and universities.

On the Emmitsburg campus, the Academy conducts specialized training courses and advanced management programs of national impact. NFA offers these courses and programs in a concentrated, residential setting that is most conducive to intensive learning. On-campus programs target middle- and top-level fire officers, fire service instructors, technical professionals, and representatives from allied professions. Any person with substantial involvement in fire prevention and control, emergency medical services, or fire-related emergency management activities is eligible to apply for Academy courses.

**Special Notes:** Students must submit FEMA Form 119-25-2 (obtainable from <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/nfa/about/attend/apply.shtm>) and forms must be faxed to Fire Academy Division, GPSTC, 478-993-4671, Attention: NFA Coordinator. All applications must be received within 45 days of this course to be considered for acceptance. Upon receipt of applications, the State Training Director will approve the applications for submittal to the National Fire Academy.

#### **IMPORTANT New Student Identification Number**

NFA can no longer use Social Security Numbers (SSNs) in our paper or online application process. We do, however, need a unique identifier that will allow us to record class registration, send acceptance and rejection notifications, provide stipend reimbursement (when appropriate), and record course performance and transcripts.

The explanation is provided on the How to Apply page on the NFA website:

**[www.usfa.fema.gov/nfa/about/attend/ftin.shtm](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/nfa/about/attend/ftin.shtm)**

The General Admission Application 119-25-2 for resident courses can also be obtained from the USFA Web site at:  
**[http://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/ff\\_119\\_25\\_2\\_75\\_5a.pdf](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/ff_119_25_2_75_5a.pdf)**

**Mandatory Prerequisite for ALL NFA Courses:** ALL National Fire Academy resident students must complete ICS-100 level and ICS-200 level training BEFORE they arrive at the National Emergency Training Center. While we prefer that students complete the Q-462 and Q-463 courses available through NFA Online at [www.usfa.fema.gov/nfa/](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/nfa/)

***Register before February 5, 2016 to ensure a seat in a course.***

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## Georgia Course Listing

**\*W0636 Building Organizational Support for Community Risk Reduction** - This course is designed to help fire and emergency services learn what community risk reduction is and how to build organizational support for it. This course will address the challenges fire departments face in shifting their priorities from response to prevention. In many departments community risk reduction is still considered a low priority. This course will show you how community risk reduction can help you and your department becomes more of a community player in times of decreased budgets.

Target Audience:

- Fire and emergency services personnel who want to learn about community risk reduction.
- Fire and emergency services personnel who are currently involved with fire prevention and have an interest in advancing risk reduction efforts in their community.

**\*W0321 Incident Command for Highrise Operations** - This 2-day course is designed to assist emergency response officers who have responsibility for managing highrise incidents. This includes organizing resources, developing strategies, and managing tactical operations to protect life and to minimize damage during an incident. Students attending should have a working knowledge of basic Incident Command System organization, a working knowledge of strategy and tactics for structural firefighting, a knowledge of building construction, and an understanding of the type of building systems existing in highrise buildings.

Target Audience:

- Anyone who would serve as a Company Officer/ Chief Officer in communities that have highrise buildings.

**\*W0379 Initial Fire Investigation for First Responders** - This course is designed specifically to provide a clear definition of the role of the first responder in arson detection and provide essential knowledge to enable them to recognize the potential of intentionally set fires, preservation and protection of evidence, and proper reporting of information to appropriate officials. By strengthening the partnership between first responders and investigators, the chances for successfully solving arson-related crimes will increase. The course includes topics such as fire behavior, critical observations of the first responder, fire causes, scene security and evidence preservation, legal considerations, and documentation of findings.

Prerequisites:

- ICS 100 level and ICS 200 level training. Preferred courses are Q462 and Q463 available through NFA Online at [www.usfa.dhs.gov/nfa/nfaonline](http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/nfa/nfaonline). Chief's signature attests that the applicant has completed this required training.
- Interested students are encouraged to complete Initial Fire Investigation for First Responders (Q0379) available through NFA Online at <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/training/nfa/courses/online.html> prior to participating in this classroom based course.

Target Audience:

- Fire and emergency services personnel who respond to fires or might conduct preliminary investigations into the origin and cause of fires.

*\*Indiana students have access to Georgia course with Georgia students having priority.*

*Students wishing to attend an Indiana class must provide a secondary course from above. Remember, seating is limited for Georgia Firefighters in Indiana sponsored courses.*

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## Indiana Course Listing

**\*W0521 Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership to Facilitate Adaptive Change** - The purpose of this course is to provide skills which individuals in positions of authority can use to exercise leadership when confronted with adaptive challenges. The goal of this course is for the participant to develop an understanding of skills associated with exercising leadership to resolve adaptive problems, those problems where the solution is either unknown or requires significant change, or both.

Target Audience:

- Fire and Emergency service personnel in positions of authority (Executive level Officers) who have an opportunity to exercise leadership (NOTE: Participants must be minimally assigned to supervisory level position, e.g. Company Officer).

**\*W0349 Fire Safety Culture: Who protects Firefighters from Firefighters?** - This 2-day course is designed to assist emergency services personnel in defining and advocating organizational change within the fire service relating to safety. Topics include safety and risk cultures within organizations; influences on safety culture and risk categories; concepts, goals, and processes of risk management; The course incorporates a facilitated learner-centered methodologies including lecture, small and large group activities, and individual assessments.

Target Audience:

- Anyone in emergency services with an interest in changing culture in his or her organization. The secondary target audience includes all interested individuals and community people who are responsible for risk management.

**\*W0290 Training Operations in Small Departments** - This 2-day course is designed to provide students with some basic tools and skills to coordinate training in a small fire/EMS organization. A training function in a smaller department typically may include conducting training drills and coordinating training with a nearby larger city or State training function. Course content includes Leadership issues in fire service training, such as why and how the local training officer must be a catalyst for change, and personal motivators within the department. Identifying the legal issues affecting the training function, including an understanding of a standard of care, and the impact of OSHA and NFPA standards. Safety considerations in training. Marketing training internally. Identifying ways to justify training needs. Resolving training conflicts using appropriate conflict resolution techniques. Selecting and evaluating training curriculum and materials from outside sources. Effective delivery and evaluation of training.

Target Audience:

- Fire and rescue personnel who coordinate training in small departments.
- Volunteer firefighters and officers who instruct in small fire and rescue departments.
- Fire personnel serving on training committees.
- Training officers in volunteer fire departments.

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