



U.S. Fire Administration

Urban Fire and Life Safety — Issues and Solutions

(P0380) July 12–17, 2015



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URBAN FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY — ISSUES AND SOLUTIONS

(P0380) — Pilot Offering: July 12-17, 2015

The U.S. Fire Administration's (USFA's) National Fire Academy (NFA) is conducting a second pilot class at the National Emergency Training Center (NETC) in Emmitsburg, Maryland, for the newly developed six-day course "Urban Fire and Life Safety — Issues and Solutions" (UFLSIS) (P0380).

The second pilot class is scheduled for Sunday, July 12, through Friday, July 17, 2015. Students will arrive on the Saturday before class and will have a room on campus through the following Friday night for a Saturday morning departure. Students may apply now for this second pilot offering.

Course Description

This new six-day course, UFLSIS, seeks to develop strategies to address common risk-reduction challenges facing fire departments that serve urban communities. The course educates personnel from large municipal fire departments or state fire organizations on how to prepare and implement fire and risk-reduction strategies that may make a significant impact in urban cities. Strategies will focus on how to engage, solicit and activate the public, including internal and external organizations.

The course parallels a five-step planning process found in the document Public Fire Education Planning for Urban Communities (The National Fire Protection Association's adaptation of USFA's Public Fire Education Planning: A Five-Step Process). The students will have opportunities to personally model and demonstrate many of the course concepts in an urban risk environment. In a pre-course assignment, students identify their significant urban risk areas and then develop prevention, mitigation and evaluation strategies to reduce the risks.

The course model follows a planning process that applies fire and life safety tools related to a large urban setting. The following topics are presented in this course:

- High-Risk Urban Landscapes.
- Community Risk Analysis in Urban Areas.
- Developing Partnerships in an Urban Environment/Organization.
- Creating Strategies to Solve Urban Fire and Life Safety Issues.
- Implementing/Evaluating Urban Risk-Reduction Strategies.

Student learning focuses on a variety of strategies, including class interactions, risk-reduction applications in a unique urban landscape, and an individual urban-based project.

Course Delivery Modes

UFLSIS will be offered a limited number of times on campus in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and in the NFA-Sponsored Off-Campus Program.

Student Selection Criteria

Students may enter the class through one of two paths.

- People from large urban/state fire organizations whose positions require risk-reduction work in fire or Emergency Medical Services (EMS). USFA/NFA considers people from its Prevention Advocacy Resources and Data Exchange (PARADE)/Training Resources and Data Exchange (TRADE) communities in this category since they represent organizations in an urban area of 200,000 or greater in population (or in smaller states — the largest city in the state not over 200,000 in population). Personnel from this category includes, but is not limited to, community educators, Executive Fire Officers, Company Officers, fire marshals, inspectors, members of urban task force groups, and others whose position relates to risk reduction. Applicants in this category should include two items in Block 16 on the application form: their PARADE/TRADE organization identification and their risk-reduction job category.
- Applicants from an organization that serves a population less than 200,000 can qualify if they attest on their application (Block 16) that their urban area shares the following characteristics, and they identify their risk-reduction job category (as above):
 - Large numbers of people in the urban area are at higher risk to fire and EMS, such as older adults, young children, people with lower socioeconomic statuses, and people with disabilities.
 - An urban community with multicultural groups and non-English speaking immigrants.



Prerequisite

No specific course prerequisite.

Mandatory prerequisite for **all** NFA courses:

- All NFA resident students must complete ICS-100 level and ICS-200 level training before they arrive at NETC. While we prefer that students complete courses ICS-100, “Introduction to ICS for Operational First Responders” (Q0462) and ICS-200, “Basic NIMS ICS for Operational First Responders” (Q0463), available through NFA Online at www.usfa.fema.gov/nfa/nfaonline/, we will accept other National Incident Management System-compliant equivalent training as provided by state or federal agencies. The fire chief’s signature on the application attests that the applicant has completed this required prerequisite training. **No entry for this prerequisite is necessary on your application.**

Class Size

The pilot offering will consist of 22 students.

Applications

- Applicants must complete FEMA General Admissions Application Form 119-25-1, available on USAFA’s website at www.usfa.fema.gov/nfa/about/attend/apply.shtm.
- Applications must be received by close of business Friday, May 15, 2015. Completed applications can be mailed to:

NETC Admissions Office
16825 South Seton Ave.
Emmitsburg, MD 21727
- Completed applications may also be faxed to the NETC Admissions Office at 301-447-1441 or 301-447-1658.
- Applicants should not make plans to attend the pilot course until notified by the NETC Admissions Office.
- Stipends for eligible students are available for attendance at pilot courses. Attendance at pilot courses does not prevent an eligible student from obtaining another stipend within the same fiscal year.
- For further information, contact Gerry Bassett, Training Specialist, by phone at 301-447-1094 or by email at gerry.bassett@fema.dhs.gov.

IMPORTANT — New Student Identification Number

NFA can no longer use Social Security numbers 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 for the Student Identification Number is provided on the “How to Apply” page on the NFA website at www.usfa.fema.gov/nfa/about/attend/ftin.shtm.

Applications must be received by:

May 15, 2015

Mail/Fax Applications to:

NETC Admissions Office
16825 South Seton Ave.
Emmitsburg, MD 21727

Office of Admissions Phone: 301-447-1035

Office of Admissions Fax: 301-447-1441

(Applications are accepted via fax within the deadline.)

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
 FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
GENERAL ADMISSIONS APPLICATION

See Reverse for
 Privacy Act Statement

O.M.B. No. 1660-0100
Expires November 30, 2016

SECTION I - GENERAL INFORMATION		1. U.S. Citizen <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> PERMANENT RESIDENT	If No, City and Country of Birth: _____	
2. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial, Suffix)		3. STUDENT IDENTIFICATION (SID) NUMBER		
4. HOME MAILING ADDRESS (Street, avenue, road no, P.O. box/city or town, state, and zip code)		5. WORK PHONE NO. ()		
		6. HOME PHONE NO. ()		
		7. FAX NO. ()		
		8. E-MAIL ADDRESS:		
9a. ENTER COURSE CODE AND TITLE: (If you wish to apply for more than one course, please attach a sheet of paper to this application)		9b. COURSE LOCATION	9c. DATES REQUESTED (Please give three choices)	
10. COMPLETE THE ITEMS BELOW REGARDING THE PREREQUISITES OF THE COURSE FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING				
INSTITUTION	DEGREE/CERTIFICATE	DATE EARNED	COURSE/FIELD OF STUDY	
11. DO YOU HAVE ANY DISABILITIES (Including special allergies or medical disabilities) WHICH WOULD REQUIRE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE DURING YOUR ATTENDANCE IN TRAINING? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (If yes, describe & indicate any special assistance required on a separate sheet)				
SECTION II - EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION AND AUTHORIZATION				
12a. NAME AND COMPLETE ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION BEING REPRESENTED		12b. NFIRS # (NFA STUDENTS ONLY)	13. CURRENT POSITION AND NUMBER OF YEARS IN POSITION	
14. CHECK THE BOX(ES) BELOW THAT BEST DESCRIBE YOUR ORGANIZATION				
14 a. JURISDICTION		14 b. ORGANIZATION		15. CURRENT STATUS
1. <input type="checkbox"/> STATEWIDE	4. <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL DISTRICT/TOWNSHIP	7. <input type="checkbox"/> FOREIGN	1. <input type="checkbox"/> ALL CAREER	1. <input type="checkbox"/> PAID FULL TIME
2. <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY GOVERNMENT	5. <input type="checkbox"/> FEDERAL/MILITARY (non-DHS)	8. <input type="checkbox"/> DHS/FEMA	2. <input type="checkbox"/> ALL VOLUNTEER	2. <input type="checkbox"/> PAID PART TIME
3. <input type="checkbox"/> CITY/TOWN/VILLAGE	6. <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY/BUSINESS	9. <input type="checkbox"/> TRIBAL NATION	3. <input type="checkbox"/> COMBINATION	3. <input type="checkbox"/> VOLUNTEER
16. Briefly describe your activities/responsibilities as they relate to the course for which you are applying and identify how you will use the information obtained from the course. Attach an organizational chart for the organization being represented and indicate your position. If you need more space, please attach a sheet to this application.				
17. CHECK ONE BOX IN EACH COLUMN THAT BEST DESCRIBES YOUR PRESENT PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY AND TYPE OF EXPERIENCE AS IT RELATES TO THE COURSE FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING. ALSO ENTER THE NUMBER OF YEARS OF EXPERIENCE.				
17a. PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY		17b. TYPE OF EXPERIENCE		17c. NUMBER OF YEARS OF EXPERIENCE _____
1. <input type="checkbox"/> MANAGEMENT	1. <input type="checkbox"/> INCIDENT COMMAND			
2. <input type="checkbox"/> TRAINING/EDUCATION	2. <input type="checkbox"/> ADMINISTRATION/STAFF SUPPORT			17d. SIZE OF DEPARTMENT _____
3. <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING	3. <input type="checkbox"/> SUPERVISION			
4. <input type="checkbox"/> INVESTIGATION	4. <input type="checkbox"/> BUDGET/PLANNING			17e. BUSINESS TYPE
5. <input type="checkbox"/> FIRE PREVENTION	5. <input type="checkbox"/> PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT/DELIVERY			1. <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
6. <input type="checkbox"/> FIRE SUPPRESSION	6. <input type="checkbox"/> COORDINATION/LIAISON			2. <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION
7. <input type="checkbox"/> PROGRAM/ACTIVITY	7. <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC EDUCATION			3. <input type="checkbox"/> FIRE SERVICE
8. <input type="checkbox"/> HEALTH	8. <input type="checkbox"/> CODE DEVELOPMENT			4. <input type="checkbox"/> LAW ENFORCEMENT
9. <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC WORKS	9. <input type="checkbox"/> CODE ENFORCEMENT/INSPECTION			5. <input type="checkbox"/> VOLUNTEER AGENCY
10. <input type="checkbox"/> DISASTER RESPONSE/RECOVERY	10. <input type="checkbox"/> SUPPORT SERVICES			6. <input type="checkbox"/> EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
11. <input type="checkbox"/> EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE	11. <input type="checkbox"/> RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT			7. <input type="checkbox"/> HEALTH CARE
12. <input type="checkbox"/> HAZARD MITIGATION	12. <input type="checkbox"/> ARSON			8. <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC WORKS
13. <input type="checkbox"/> EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS	13. <input type="checkbox"/> LAW ENFORCEMENT			
14. <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify) _____	14. <input type="checkbox"/> DESIGN AND PLANNING			
	15. <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify) _____			
18. DATE OF BIRTH		19. GENDER <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		
20. RACE (Please check all that apply)				20a. Ethnicity
1. <input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN INDIAN or ALASKAN NATIVE	2. <input type="checkbox"/> ASIAN	3. <input type="checkbox"/> BLACK or AFRICAN AMERICAN	4. <input type="checkbox"/> WHITE	5. <input type="checkbox"/> NATIVE HAWAIIAN or PACIFIC ISLANDER
				<input type="checkbox"/> HISPANIC or LATINO <input type="checkbox"/> NOT HISPANIC or LATINO

SECTION III - ENDORSEMENT AND CERTIFICATION

21a. I certify that the information recorded on this application is correct. Falsification of information will result in denial of a course certificate and stipend (18 U.S.C. 1001).

21b. I hereby authorize the release of any and all information concerning my enrollment in this course to the chief officer in charge, or designee, of my organization. All requests for information shall be in writing from said chief or designee.

21c. Further, I understand that the National Emergency Training Center (NETC), the Mt. Weather Emergency Operations Center (MWEOC), and the Noble Training Facility (NTF) are not authorized to provide medical or health insurance for students. I maintain appropriate insurance on an individual basis.

21d. I agree to abide by the rules, policies, and regulations of NETC, MWEOC, and NTF. Failure to do so will result in denial of the student stipend, expulsion from the course, and possible barring from future National Fire Academy (NFA) and Emergency Management Institute (EMI) courses.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	DATE
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22. APPROVAL BY THE HEAD OF THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATION

"By signing this application, I certify that my organization does not discriminate on the basis of age, gender, race, color, religious belief, national origin, economic status, or disability in providing educational opportunities for its employees."

22a. SIGNATURE	22b. PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
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23. ADDITIONAL ENDORSEMENTS FOR APPLICATION TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE:

23a. SIGNATURE AND DATE (State Office)	23b. SIGNATURE AND DATE (FEMA Regional Office)
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24a. FOR NFA REGIONAL DELIVERY COURSES AND COURSES DELIVERED AT EMMITSBURG, MD. SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:

**NATIONAL EMERGENCY TRAINING CENTER
OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS, BLDG. I-216
16825 SOUTH SETON AVENUE
EMMITSBURG, MD. 21727**

24b. FOR EMI COURSES DELIVERED AT NETC, MWEOC, OR NTF SUBMIT APPLICATION THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR OR FEMA REGIONAL TRAINING MANAGER TO NETC.

24c. FOR FIELD PROGRAM COURSES, SUBMIT APPLICATION TO APPROPRIATE SPONSOR.

25. DISPOSITION <input type="checkbox"/> ACCEPTED <input type="checkbox"/> REJECTED	SIGNATURE OF REVIEWER	DATE
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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT

NFA and EMI are Equal Opportunity institutions. They do not discriminate on the basis of age, gender, race, color, religious belief, national origin, or disability in their admissions and student-related procedures. Both schools make every effort to ensure equitable representation of minorities and women in their student bodies. Qualified minority and women candidates are encouraged to apply for all courses.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

GENERAL - This information is provided pursuant to Public Law 93-579 (Privacy Act of 1974), Title 5 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 552a, for individuals applying for admission to NFA or EMI.

AUTHORITY - Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, as amended, Title 15 U.S.C., Sections 2201 et. seq.; Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended, Title 42 U.S.C., Sections 5121 et. seq.; Title 44 U.S.C., Section 3101; Executive Orders 12127, 12148, and 9397; Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

PURPOSES - To determine eligibility for participation in NFA and EMI courses. Information such as age, gender, and ancestral heritage are used for statistical purposes only.

USES - Information may be released to: 1) FEMA staff to analyze application and enrollment patterns for specific courses, and to respond to student inquiries; 2) a physician to provide medical assistance to students who become ill or are injured during courses; 3) Members of the Board of Visitors for the purpose of evaluating programmatic statistics; 4) sponsoring States, local officials, or State agencies to update/evaluate statistics of NFA and EMI participants; 5) Members of Congress seeking first party information; and 6) Agency training program contractors and computer centers performing administrative functions.

EFFECTS OF NONDISCLOSURE - Personal information is provided on a voluntary basis. Failure to provide information on this form, however, may result in a delay in processing your application and/or certifying completion of the course.

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