National Fire Academy Announces First Annual National Professional Development Symposium
Open Registration

First Annual National Professional Development Symposium (R0178)

We are pleased to announce that the First Annual National Professional Development Symposium (NPDS), R0178 will be held June 11-13, 2014, at the U.S. Fire Administration’s (USFA’s) National Fire Academy (NFA) campus in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

The symposium will feature presentations related to fire training and resources, Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE), and fire prevention and protection.

The NPDS is a collaborative effort, highlighting Training Resources and Data Exchange (TRADE), FESHE, and Prevention Advocacy Resources and Data Exchange (PARADE) initiatives.

National Professional Development Workshop (R0703)

In conjunction with and immediately before the NPDS, we will also be hosting the National Professional Development Workshop, R0703. The workshop is a business workday for the TRADE Co-Chairs, Professional Development Initiative/FESHE workgroups, and PARADE Membership Representatives.

Costs and Enrollment Information

There are no fees for attendance.
Lodging and Meals

Travel and meals:

- **R0178 only** — $104.20 meal ticket covers dinner on June 10 through breakfast on June 14, 2014.

- **R0703 and R0178** — $129.24 meal ticket covers dinner on June 9 through breakfast on June 14, 2014.

Costs of the meal tickets are borne by the attendees; however, USFA will provide lodging at no charge and scheduled bus transportation to and from Baltimore Washington International airport. **Do not book your travel plans until confirmation of your acceptance is received from our Admissions Office.** Transportation information will be included in your welcome packet from admissions.

Awards Banquet

The International Association of Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education will be hosting an off-campus banquet and awards ceremony on June 11, 2014. Cost to attend the banquet is $30.00 per seat. Banquet tickets may be purchased when you register on campus. Banquet attire is business casual.

Selection Criteria

**Priority No. 1**

First selection is those active in fire and emergency services professional development, including state fire training representatives, official representatives of regionally accredited academic fire programs, state and local fire service and Emergency Medical Services training, national and state fire associations, and those responsible for developing fire and emergency service personnel. Candidates within this audience will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Priority No. 2**

Second selection is those with interest in the field of fire and emergency services professional development. Candidates within this audience will be reviewed for acceptance after the application closing date.
Application Information for the National Professional Development Symposium

Applicants should download and complete the General Admissions Application Short Form (FEMA Form 119-25-2) (http://www.usfa.fema.gov/nfa/about/attend/apply.shtml) for each course to be attended.

Application information needs to be completed through Block 18b.

- Block 6: To apply for a course, you need a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Student Information Number (SID). This number is used in place of a Social Security Number on the admission forms. To register for a FEMA SID, go to How to Register for a FEMA SID (https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid).

When completing the application to attend the NPDS, please enter this information in Blocks 12a-c:

- Block 12a: R0178 National Professional Development Symposium.
- Block 12b: NETC Emmitsburg, MD.
- Block 12c: June 11-13.

Application Deadline and Submission Information

The deadline for receiving NPDS applications is May 16, 2014. Applications must be mailed to:

NETC Admissions Office
Attn: R0178 NPDS
16825 South Seton Ave., Building I
Emmitsburg, MD 21727

Applications can also be faxed to the Admissions Office at 301-447-1441.

Do not mail or fax your application to the NFA. It must be sent to the Admissions Office or else it will be discarded.

Application Information for the National Professional Development Symposium and the Emergency Management Higher Education Conference

Individuals participating in both R0178 (June 11-13, 2014) and the Emergency Management Institute’s (EMI’s) Higher Education Conference (June 2-6, 2014) must submit a separate application for each conference. EMI Higher Education applications can be obtained by contacting Barbara Johnson at Barbara.L.Johnson@fema.gov.
Tentative Travel Schedule and Agenda

Symposium registration and travel information is not available at this time. Please check back or sign up to receive email updates.

June 9  Travel-in day and check-in for R0703 TRADE, FESHE and PARADE Co-Chairs, designated committees, and workgroups. Designated committee and workgroup members are those authorized by the National Professional Development Initiative Steering Committee.

June 10  Working day for TRADE, FESHE and PARADE Co-Chairs, designated committees, and workgroups. Also, travel-in and check-in day for symposium attendees (R0178).

June 11  Symposium begins (general sessions).

June 12  Symposium continues (breakout presentations).

June 13  Symposium ends following breakout presentations.

June 14  Travel-out day.

Agenda

Watch TRADENET and Virtual LAMP Post for more details.