Information Bulletin

National Fire Academy Access Restrictions

In 2005, Congress passed the Real ID Act which pertains to security and access on Federal facilities. The provisions of this Act have been phased in over time and require a more secure form of identification for entry into these facilities.

Beginning October 10, 2015, these increased security measures will apply at the National Fire Academy campus in Emmitsburg, MD. This means that in order to attend classes or even enter the campus unescorted you will need an approved form of identification.

Acceptable forms of ID include:

- A state-enhanced drivers license (Normal NYS operator's license or non-driver ID is not adequate)
- A current U.S. passport or passport card
- A federal employee/military/veteran ID card

This affects all students attending classes at the National Fire Academy including those who are participating in the Annual New York State Weekend. Those wishing to attend the weekend should take steps now to secure an approved form of identification.

If you don't have one of these forms of identification, the National Fire Academy will need to conduct a National Crime Information Center (NCIC) background check on you. Please email the following information to the NETC Security Office in a password-protected document at least three weeks before your class:

- Your full name
- Date and place of birth
- Social Security Number

Without the proper clearances, you will not be allowed to enter the campus even if you are registered for a course.

If you have further questions, Please contact Jane Sentz at the National Emergency Training Center (301-447-7207) between 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. ET.