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26th Annual National Fire & Emergency Services Dinner
May 1, 2014
Washington, DC

NASFM Annual Conference
July 28-30, 2014

One Strong, United Voice for Fire Prevention



Register Now for the 2014 NASFM Annual Conference & 25th Anniversary Celebration

If you have not already done so, now is a great time to register for the upcoming NASFM Annual Conference, to be held July 28-30, 2014, at the TradeWinds Island Resorts in St. Pete Beach, Florida.

A draft Agenda (subject to change) is posted on the Events page of the NASFM website at:

<http://www.firemarshals.org/events/events.html>.

In addition to the relevant and informative educational sessions being planned throughout the conference, attendees can look forward to the following highlights:

- One of our largest Exhibitions ever on the afternoon of July 28, followed by our annual Exhibitor Reception with door prizes.

St. Pete Beach,
Florida

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- Educational luncheon presentations by Platinum Sponsors each day of the conference.
- A Luau hosted by the Florida State Fire Marshal's Office on the evening of July 29.
- A very special 25th Anniversary Celebration on the afternoon of July 29 that will remember NASFM's past while looking to the future. We will honor the NASFM Past Presidents and Life Members who plan to be in attendance, and will get their perspectives on NASFM's history as well as life after serving as State Fire Marshals.
- Plenty of time for State Fire Marshals to share and network among themselves during SFM-only breakfast forums and a SFM-only bonus session the final afternoon of the conference.
- A Spouse/Partner program is being planned by our host State Fire Marshal Julius Halas and his staff; details to come!

The link to register for the Annual Conference can be found here: <http://firemarshals.org/register/>. This address also has a link to the hotel registration page. June 25th is the last day to make hotel reservations at the special rate.

A list of Sponsorship opportunities can be downloaded from this page:
<http://www.firemarshals.org/events/sponsorshipopportunities.html>

Exhibitor information can be found here:
<http://www.firemarshals.org/events/exhibitors.html>.

Any questions about the Conference, please contact: Peggy Beiling, NASFM Director of Internal Operations, (202) 393-1129; pbeiling@narvaassociates.com.

Register now for a conference to remember! Looking forward to seeing you in July!

Legislation to Help Prevent Deaths from CO Poisoning Passes Senate Commerce Committee

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) announced on April 9 that her legislation to help prevent deaths from carbon monoxide poisoning passed the Senate Commerce Committee, paving the way for consideration by the full Senate.

S. 1793, the Nicholas and Zachary Burt Memorial Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act, named for two young brothers from Kimball, MN who died from carbon monoxide poisoning, would allow the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to provide support

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for public safety education and to encourage installment of safe and reliable carbon monoxide detectors.

"Carbon monoxide is a silent, odorless killer that can strike at a moment's notice if the proper safeguards aren't in place," Klobuchar said. "This commonsense bill will further educate families about how to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning and help ensure the installation of effective detectors that can help keep families and communities safe."

According to the Centers for Disease Control, there are over 400 deaths and 20,000 emergency room visits as a result of CO poisoning each year and the highest percentage of CO exposures occurs during the winter months of December, January, and February. CO poisoning can happen whenever a fuel-burning appliance is used improperly or malfunctions, other sources include fireplaces and vehicles left running in attached garages. When gas builds up in a building it can quickly lead to illness or even death.

The legislation is cosponsored by Senators Charles Schumer (D-NY), Bob Casey (D-PA), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Bill Nelson (D-FL), and Ed Markey (D-MA). NASFM has expressed support for this bill and recently testified before the Senate Commerce Committee to urge its passage.



Arson Awareness Week Theme Is Vehicle Arson; Materials Posted on USFA Website

The theme for this year's Arson Awareness Week (May 4-10) is Vehicle Arson: A Combustible Crime.

Each year during the first full week in May, the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) and its partners, including NASFM, work to raise awareness of arson and provide individuals with strategies to combat it in their community.

Learn about the most common [motives for setting vehicle fires and tips you can share with your community to prevent vehicle arson](#). Investigating a vehicle arson can be difficult. [Read about three successful local program initiatives and hints that can help](#) when you're investigating a suspected vehicle arson.

Vehicle arson statistics

- From 2008-2010, 14 percent of all fires were vehicle fires. Of these fires, 7 percent were intentionally set. Source: USFA

- From 2004-2006, an estimated 27,900 intentionally set vehicle fires occurred each year in the U.S. These intentionally set fires resulted in an average of approximately 40 deaths, 75 injuries, and \$169 million in property loss each year. Source: USFA
- During 2007-2011, local fire departments responded to an average of 20,400 intentionally set vehicle fires, accounting for 7 percent of intentionally set fires and resulting in an average of 32 civilian deaths, 67 civilian injuries, and \$176 million in direct property damage. Source: National Fire Protection Association
- Two-thirds of intentionally set vehicle fires occur under the cloak of darkness (9 p.m.-6 a.m.). Source: National Fire Protection Association
- Over the last 10 years (2003-2012), there has been an average of 14,737 vehicle arsons reported, accounting for 26.5 percent of total arsons annually. Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation.

For more information and resources you can use to increase awareness about vehicle arson in your community, visit the U.S. Fire Administration's website at www.usfa.fema.gov/aaw/.

Participate in International Fire/EMS Safety and Health Week, June 15-21



NASFM is a once again a partner with the International Association of Fire Chiefs and the National Volunteer Fire Council in promoting International Fire/EMS Safety and Health week, and encourages State Fire Marshals to convey the importance of improving firefighter safety and health to the fire and emergency services in your state.

The Safety and Health Week website's [Planning Page](#) is now full of ideas and materials to help promote Train Like You Fight. These include:

- Web Banners and Wallpaper to add to your signature block and your website with a link to the Safety & Health Week site.
- Sample Department/Organization Press Release to encourage internal and community awareness and support of your efforts.
- Social Media plan to promote within your organization, department and community.
- Posters

- Ads (for your printed publications, newsletters, or to use as informational flyers)
- New this year: ATS Training Giveaway- providing 50 free online training packages to all-volunteer or mostly volunteer departments. Deadline to apply is May 1st.
- Activity ideas for the week, including training activities, behavioral health ideas and steps for getting healthy.
- Share your Safety and Health Week success stories. We plan to feature some of these submissions in the IAFC and NVFC newsletters.

For more information, contact the IAFC or the NVFC.

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Sign Up for NFPA Sponsored Webinars, Earn CEU's

NFPA Webinars are free for all users. In order to earn CEU's for attending an NFPA Webinar, you must register and attend using your name and email address. CEU's are not earned for viewing archived webinars.

Upcoming webinars are as follows (Note: All webinars are 12:30 - 2:00 pm Eastern Time, unless otherwise specified).

May 13, 2014

NFPA 72, Mass Notification System Risk Analysis Webinar

This webinar will focus on the requirements of, need for, and purpose of a risk analysis and the related elements required for consideration, design and implementation of a mass notification system in a facility.

Sponsored by: Fire-Lite Alarms by Honeywell

June 26, 2014

Fire Safety in Green Buildings

This webinar will cover the results of a study commissioned by the Fire Protection Research Foundation to develop a baseline of information on the intersection of "green building" design and fire safety. The study identified gaps and specific research needs associated with understanding and addressing fire risk and hazards with green building design.

Sponsored by: The Fire Protection Research Foundation with support from:

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NIOSH Debuts Fire Fighter Fatality Map Website



The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Division of Safety Research has released a new website entitled Fire Fighter Fatality Map.

Developed to increase awareness of fire fighter deaths and to provide quick access to up-to-date fire fighter fatality information, the site combines fire fighter fatality case information from the U.S. Fire Administration and with information about NIOSH fire fighter fatality investigations. Interactive maps show all USFA data and those with "pending" or "completed" NIOSH investigation reports.

Links to NIOSH reports for fatalities that have been investigated through the NIOSH Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program (FFFIPP) are included. The site is expected to be updated at least monthly with new or revised fire fighter fatality information.

The site can be accessed either directly at <http://www.cdc.gov/wisards/fffmap/> or through the FFFIPP homepage at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/fire/>.