

# **Information Bulletin**

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## **First Semester National Fire Academy Application Period Is Now Open**

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Emmitsburg, MD - May 1 marked the opening of the first semester fiscal year (FY) 2008 application period for the U. S. Fire Administration's National Fire Academy (NFA). The application period runs from May 1 through June 30, 2007. The first semester includes those courses scheduled for delivery October 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008.

"The variety of courses being offered during the second semester covers all 11 NFA curriculum areas and includes a mix of 10-day and 6-day delivery options," said NFA Superintendent Dr. Denis Onieal. "It's the United States Fire Administration's mission to enhance the ability of the Nation's fire and emergency services community to deal more effectively with fire and related emergencies. These National Fire Academy programs clearly support this effort."

In addition to eight (8) two-week sessions and eight (8) six-day sessions, the schedule includes one session of the Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP). The VIP session is scheduled for February 17 - 22, 2008, with 6 different courses being offered. The VIP is an intensive six-day educational opportunity designed specifically for volunteer and combination department emergency services personnel.

Visit the USFA Web site at:

<http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/nfa/catalog/>

to view the FY2008 Course Schedule. Application procedures and the application form are also available on the Web site at:

<http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/nfa/about/attend/apply.shtm>

Applications should be postmarked between May 1 and June 30 in order to be considered for the first round of placement into the classes.

Interested applicants are reminded that in addition to the course specific selection criteria and course specific prerequisite requirements, they must also have ICS 100 and ICS 200 level training in order to be considered for any NFA course. To assist in meeting this requirement, the NFA offers the following two courses available through NFA Online at:

<http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/nfa/nfaonline/>

Q462: ICS 100 - Introduction to ICS for Operations First Responders

Q463: ICS 200 - Basic ICS for Operational First Responders



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