Pre-course Assignment — Campus Fire and Life Safety 1: Risk Assessment

Welcome to the National Fire Academy (NFA) course “Campus Fire and Life Safety 1: Risk Assessment” (CFLS 1: RA). This two-day course will empower learners with the ability to create and implement a comprehensive Campus Fire and Life Safety (CFLS) program. An additional outcome for learners will be the ability to adapt or enhance an existing program so it meets the emergency preparedness needs of the local community/campus. Finally, learners will be taught how to market the program and evaluate its effectiveness.

The target population for CFLS includes (but is not limited to) the following:

- Campus staff with responsibility for students’ safety.
- Fire and emergency services staff.
- Local government officials.
- Off-campus housing interest groups.
- Community support groups.

Because you will be performing a risk assessment and designing a draft program to fit your local needs, you should perform the following actions prior to attending CFLS:

Review local data so you are familiar with the following information:

- Population size of your city, town or jurisdiction, not counting the campus population.
- Population size of your college or university.
- The number and types of fraternities and sororities present (both on and off campus).
- Number of students living on campus.
- Number of students living off campus.
- Identify the risk history of both your on- and off-campus community (leading causes of fires, preventable injuries, weather issues, etc.).
- Identify one fire and one life safety risk impacting your campus community that you would like to address as part of the course. These risks can be impacting those who reside on campus, off campus or both.
- Bring a list of stakeholders who are currently (or perhaps should be) working together to make your local campus a safer place.