Dear National Fire Academy Student:

Congratulations on your acceptance into the United States Fire Administration’s (USFA’s)/National Fire Academy’s (NFA’s) “Plans Review for Fire and Life Safety” (PRFLS) course.

You are asked to bring the following items with you for use in the course:

- A calculator with four basic functions (+ - * /), or you may use your laptop.
- Architect and engineer scales.
- A copy (book or electronic) of the building and fire codes currently used by your jurisdiction. Course materials will reference the 2015 International Building Code and International Fire Code by the International Code Council, however, use of locally applicable versions is encouraged.
- A laptop with Wi-Fi capability to access online codes.

You must also complete “Testing and Evaluation of Water Supplies for Fire Protection” (Q0218) at NFA Online at https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/78. Please complete this course before you arrive so that you are prepared for classroom activities.

You are required to view the video “Using Engineer and Architect Scales” prior to the beginning of class. The video can be found at http://www.manufacturinget.org/home/tech-1521-graphics-and-descriptive-geometry/1521-homework-assignments/1521-homework-scales/.

You will find your pre-course reading assignment at https://nfa.usfa.fema.gov/ax/pcm/precourse_reading_n0393.pdf. Please read prior to your arrival to class.

This class is a six-day class with evening classes possible. Check with your host site for the schedule.

If you need additional information related to your course’s content or requirements, please contact Mr. Keith Heckler, Fire Protection: Technical Curriculum Training Specialist, at (301) 447-7256, or by email at keith.heckler@fema.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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