

The 2016 Executive Fire Officer Program (EFOP) Graduate Symposium is ready! On Sept. 8-10, 2016, the symposium will convene at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Hosted by the National Fire Academy (NFA) and the Executive Fire Officer Section of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the program will extend through 2 1/2 days of information sharing, education, networking and discussions about some of the strategic aspects of our profession. Each of the academic programs' outstanding research papers will be presented.

There will be several main programs, including presentations from several distinguished senior executives and an all-star panel challenging our paradigms regarding external communication/public information. Additionally, we will offer a half-dozen inspiring Chuck Chatters on dynamic subjects of general interest to fire service executives. Among our invited presenters are Royal Mortenson, Charles McGarvey, David Griffin, and Tom Jenkins and panelists Billy Hayes, Dave Statter, and Ann Nelson. The panel will be facilitated by Dr. Burton Clark, retired NFA staff member and former assistant chief, and Mike Fronimos, vice president of the National Information Officers Association.

Please consider attending the symposium. While the symposium is open to all fire service leaders and related professions, priority in housing is given to EFOP alumni. Current EFOP students are encouraged to attend, and all fire service executives are welcome to bring their colleagues in government management. Registration is open for R0120. General attendees, please remember that there is no travel stipend for this course, though lodging is available. People staying in on-campus housing are required to purchase a meal ticket for the duration of their stay. A draft schedule will follow shortly.

You can download the FEMA Form 119-25-2 General Admissions Short Form Application from the USFA website at: <https://www.usfa.fema.gov/training/nfa/admissions/apply.html> Enter *R0120 – EFO Symposium* in Block 12a on the application form.

Applications can be submitted by facsimile to: 301-447-1441 or by mail to:

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