Hi, just a reminder that you're receiving this email because you have expressed an interest in The Center for Campus Fire Safety. Don't forget to add ctabor@campusfiresafety.org to your address book so we'll be sure to land in your inbox!

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FORUM REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!!!

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Tuesday 11/1       ICC Training
Wednesday 11/2    Forum Opening, Exhibits, President's Reception
Thursday 11/3     Forum, General Sessions
Friday 11/4       Forum ends at noon. Annual Member Meeting 12-2PM.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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CALL FOR FORUM SPEAKERS!!!
FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Spring????

Hello everybody. I hope this email finds all of you doing well. Is anybody else confused and in some cases frustrated by the strange and in many cases, tragic, dangerous weather? Spring and summer like weather one day and then back to the cold another day. Now that most schools have finished their Spring Breaks hang on because the School year is about to fly to the semester finish line.

It is with great excitement and confidence that I announce that I am appointing James Rainer to The Center's Board of Directors. When Kevin McSweeney graciously agreed to serve as the Centers new Treasurer, that opened a spot on the Board of Directors. I called for anybody that was interested in being a Director to please forward us letters of interest. James submitted a letter of interest and it is my pleasure to appoint James to the Board. I look forward to working with James and I know James is ready to go to work and help forward the mission of the Center. Welcome aboard James and Thank you for stepping up... [MORE]

About James Rainer

James has been a charter member of The Center and has been attending the annual forums since 2006. He currently serves as an Assistant Director of Environmental Health and Safety at Texas A&M University, as the university Fire Marshal, and co-lead the University's 20 plus member Haz-Mat Team. [MORE]

A Favor to Ask about the importance of Detection

I am asking that the campus fire safety staff get the message out to their facility and staff and of course students, that everybody need to have working smoke detectors and Carbon Monoxide Detectors in their residences. If you can use campus media to get this important message out to your faculty and staff that would be great. [MORE]

OFF-CAMPUS, by Tim Knisely

Off-Campus Housing Options

MOM & DAD .... PAY ATTENTION!!!!

When looking for an off-campus house or apartment to rent there are plenty of challenges to make sure your son or daughter finds the 'perfect' place. Yes, that's right Mom & Dad you need to make it your responsibility to be involved in the search and make sure that what they find is not only close to campus, their friends and at the right price - but safe. And, don't be afraid to take the time to get your questions answered. Or, sometimes we even need to say NO. I've written about this before including my personal experience with my daughter's first housing hunt, but I hear time and time again from parents that are not involved in the selection process. If you're paying for it, get involved!
PARENTS ... If you are in the housing hunt and need some advice or want to throw some questions our way, please sign up for the Off-Campus Fire & Life Safety Alliance by clicking here.

CODES, STANDARDS & MORE

SUICIDE PREVENTION: AWARENESS PROGRAMS
By: Tom McGowan
Data has become a significant component and integral part of the fire service. It is used to justify and promote, develop a basis for technical reasoning, and it helps to substantiate discussion and mediate. Data can tell a disturbing side of life that many of us may not be willing to deal with. It's only recently that data has been collected on fire fighter suicide. There are some agencies and a few organizations that are attempting to collect information on fire fighter suicide. ...

SECTION 509 FIRE PROTECTION AND UTILITY EQUIPMENT IDENTIFICATION AND ACCESS
509.1 Identification. Fire protection equipment shall be identified in an approved manner. Rooms containing controls for air-conditioning systems, sprinkler risers and valves, or other fire detection, suppression or control elements shall be identified for the use of the fire department. Approved signs required to identify fire protection equipment and equipment location shall be constructed of durable materials, permanently installed...

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH
Building Safety Month (BSM), founded by the ICC, is celebrated by jurisdictions worldwide during the month of May. Building Safety Month is a public awareness campaign to help individuals, families and businesses understand what it takes to create safe and sustainable structures.

The Center for Campus Fire Safety supports the Coalition for Fire Safety with ICC and NFPA

FROM OUR EDUCATION COMMITTEE ... Articles written by members of our Education Committee

NFA Campus Fire and Life Safety Courses,
By: David G. Taylor; Director of Life and Fire Safety Services, Gettysburg College

I have been managing, developing and delivering campus educational programs around fire safety for over 30 years and had the privilege of working with some of the best high education fire prevention specialists developing three campus fire and life safety courses. I was selected and hired by the National Fire Academy (NFA) in Emmitsburg, Maryland as a subject material expert to develop courses on creating educational programs for this very challenging population. Three courses were released in 2014 and are just starting to be delivered throughout the county. Tim Knisely, Michael Halligan and I were on the development team and are now contract instructors for the NFA to deliver these courses to you. Each course is two days and offers a tremendous wide diverse look at improving campus fire and life safety issues. [MORE]

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MEMBER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

FIRE INCIDENT NEWS | BREAKING NEWS | MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS

We provide you with continual news updates when they happen .... Click on the links above to find hundreds of higher education specific new stories and search through years of our news archives.

Center President speaks at FM Global Health Care and Education Leaders Forum 2016

Michael J. Swain, President of The Center and Campus Fire Prevention Marshal at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst spoke about emerging trends in campus fire safety.

The FM Global Forum took place at Gillette Stadium, Patriot Place. Thanks to Amy Daley and our friends at FM Global for putting on a G-R-E-A-T conference.

... AND OF COURSE THE TOUR OF GILLETTE STADIUM WAS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED BY MIKE AND THE ENTIRE GROUP!
Clearing the air on Certification

As the former chair of the Fire Department Safety Officers Association, I often heard individuals say that they are certified through the National Fire Academy as a safety officer. [MORE]

Tim Knisely, Director wrote an article about The Center’s Mass Notification pilot program at Montclair State with NEMA representatives. It will be published in the May issue of NEMA’s magazine and we’ll re-publish it on our website after that. [ABOUT NEMA]

Residence Halls Kitchen Fires... The Center’s Director, Kevin McSweeney was recently quoted in this article ... Half of all reported fires in GW residence halls have originated in kitchens over the last six years, according to public records from D.C. Fire and EMS. Thirteen out of the 26 fire incidents on campus since 2010 started in the kitchen [MORE]

Always Looking for Articles and Webinar Presenters ...

Webinars: If you are interested in presenting at one of our 2016 webinars, simply click here, provide brief information and we’ll call you. We provide the online structure, promotion and more ... all you have to do is present!

Newsletter Articles: We’re always looking for articles for our newsletter. In fact, if you are interested in your own monthly column, simply let us know. Send your intent and/or articles to: SupportTeam@campusfiresafety.org

UPCOMING CENTER ACTIVITIES TO DATE:

May 4 & 5: CSFI Dinner and NAC Meeting, Washington DC
June 13 - 16: The Center will exhibit at the NFPA Expo in Las Vegas
July 25 & 26: CSHEMA Conference and Exhibit, Austin, TX
November 1-4 : Campus Fire Forum 2016, Mesa, AZ

CAREER CONNECTIONS

Nothing new this month!

Don’t forget ... Send job postings to: SupportTeam@campusfiresafety.org. There is no charge to post these in our newsletter.
ECA 2016, the FCIA Education & Committee Action Conference, Las Vegas, NV

FREE Conference Registration for CCFS Members for the Conference Sessions on Thursday, May 5 ... ECA 2016, the Firestop Contractors International Association's annual Education & Committee Action Conference is set to launch May 3-6, 2016 at The Monte Carlo Resort & Casino in Las Vegas, NV. The Firestop Contractors International Association (FCIA) is strongly focused on promoting knowledge and awareness of the importance of using Specialty Firestop Contractors

CHUBB TRAINING
New 2016 Schedule online!
Chubb Offers 30% off to Members of The Center or 50% if you are also a Building/Fire Code official

FIRE SMART CAMPUS
Fire Smart Campus Training Opportunities ... The Center instructor(s) will come to your campus or town. Price varies depending upon location ...

CROWD MANAGER
New - NEXT GENERATION - Crowd Manager Training ... 2 hour online course @ $19.95. Presented by ICC, NAFSM & CCFS

FIRE FATALITY STATISTICS

NEW FIRE FATALITY STATS FROM USFA

Developed by Tim O'Dowd - USFA/DHS

The U.S. Fire Administration's Campus Fire Fatalities in Residential Buildings (2000-2015) report analyzes the 85 fatal fires that took place in dormitories, fraternities, sororities and off-campus housing which resulted in 118 fatalities - an average of approximately seven per school year.

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FOR FIRE SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS
Campus Fire Safety for Students is a joint outreach effort between The Center's Student Committee and NFPA.

Campus Fire Safety for Students Webpage

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