



# OFF-CAMPUS

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## Resources for Fire Safety:

In the past couple of months I've had the opportunity to present at a state and national conference discussing the topic of Off-Campus Fire Safety. During the preparation for these events I spent some time updating my resources, references and photos to make sure my data was accurate and relevant to the topic. I'm a stickler about dates, cities, names and other related facts. And, nothing is more frustrating than reading or listening to someone that is telling you everything you need to know, except the facts. Doing my preparation reminded me of the number of resources available for those new to the business, or veterans that are in search of updated statistics or updates. To find out about the latest in technology or addressing current trends I typically start with the fire industry, and many of the industry's leaders are some of Center's generous sponsors. Imagine that! The fire safety technology is constantly being revised and updated to meet the demands of today's consumer, as well as changing to meet today's hazards. Many of the sponsors offer webinars, newsletters and product information for nearly any product that you'd be interested in. And all will have a variety of social media sites to locate and track this information. <http://www.campusfiresafety.org/AboutUs/CenterSponsors.aspx>

The screenshot shows the website's navigation bar with links: Home, About Us, Membership, Resources, Training & Activities, Testimonials, Shop, and Contact Us. A dropdown menu is open under 'About Us', listing: About The Center, Advisory Council, Center Sponsors, Committees, Instructors, Leadership Team, Non-Profit Partners, and Media Partners. The main content area features a 'Thank you to' section and a 'Sponsor Levels of Contribution & Benefits' section. Below this, there are logos for Tyco SimplexGrinnell (Platinum Sponsor) and Siemens (Silver Sponsor). A right-hand sidebar contains a list of links: About The Center, Advisory Council, Center Sponsors, Bullex, Chubb, CVS Health, Edwards, FEMA, FM Global, Honeywell, ICC, Keltron, Kidde, Lexington Insurance, NEMA, NFPA, Prevent-Zone, SIEMENS, Tyco-SimplexGrinnell, Committees, Instructors, Leadership Team, and Non-Profit Partners. The date 'Thursday, June 25, 2015' is visible in the top right corner.



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The Center is also fortunate to have a great group of non-profit partners that share a similar vision. Each of these organizations provides has social media sites to introduce you to their mission and services, including membership and training opportunities.

The Off-Campus Fire & Life Safety Alliance is one of the newest resources and continues to develop, all virtually. The Alliance allows ideas to develop into discussions and questions to be partnered with answers. If you aren't yet signed up please consider doing so.

The Center also has a tremendous resource available on the website that includes a resource link, as well as the member only access - CenterNet. It would take me another 500 words to write about all of the resources on our link, so just click the Resource tab to learn more.

<http://www.campusfiresafety.org/Resources/Library.aspx>

The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu with 'Resources' selected. The main content area is titled 'Welcome to our Library of Resources' and lists various resource categories such as 'News - Fire Incidents', 'News - Mass Notification', 'News - Previous Years-Archives', and 'News - Breaking News Service'. A 'Sign up for Breaking News Services' button is visible. Below the main content, there are several tabs for navigation: 'About Us', 'From the President', 'i-Codes', 'Off-Campus', 'Technology', 'Tools - Flyer', 'After The Fire', 'Legislation', 'Member Info', 'NFPA Articles', 'Newsletters', 'Tools - Links & Video', and 'Webinars'. The 'Tools - Links & Video' tab is active, displaying a list of resources with 'Download' links. The 'QUESTIONS TO ASK' section lists various topics like 'Breaking Thru', 'Questions for the Landlord', and 'Questions for the School Officials'. The 'PRESENTATIONS' section lists several documents with their titles, authors, and sizes.

Title	Description	Size
A Letter Home	by City of Boulder Fire Department	825.50 KB Download
Chemical Science Fire Safety Teaching	by Steve Mitchell	188.00 KB Download
Fire Factor-Fire Sprinkler Education	by Janet Maupin and Kris Robbins	5.98 MB Download
Fire Factor-Surviving Your Next Night Out	by Janet Maupin and Kris Robbins	338.00 KB Download
Fire Factor-Tapping Into Student Creativity	by Janet Maupin and Kris Robbins	26.47 MB Download



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One of my frequent and most utilized resource is that of the news media and their related social media sites found on the web. While there are tons of sites and links to gather your information, please always be careful to verify the sources for validity and accuracy.

Of course, some of the best resources aren't always found on social media, but instead are found in person at the annual Campus Fire Forum held this year in Niagara Falls, NY. The Forum always provides a tremendous networking opportunity with colleagues, industry and non-profit partners all in the same week and same location. So, good luck in your search! If I or CCFS can provide any assistance in helping you find what you are looking for please do not hesitate to call or write.

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