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Introducing The Center's Off-Campus Fire and Life Safety Alliance

Newburyport, Massachusetts - January 17, 2013 ... The Center for Campus Fire Safety (The Center) is pleased to publically announce its new Off-Campus Fire and Life Safety Alliance. The Center is the only nationwide, non-profit, member based organization dedicated to providing free resources to fire and life safety officials responsible for fire and life safety at institutions of higher learning.

The new group, called The Off-Campus Fire and Life Safety Alliance was first announced to members by President Paul D. Martin at The Center's annual meeting held November 2013 in St. Louis. The Center's longtime board member, Tim Knisely will manage the Alliance and is working with members of The Center.

According to Tim, "The Alliance will initially use a variety of electronic and social media sites to share the existing knowledge base that has been used to date, as well as gather other ideas from the Alliance members on how to best distribute and share new information and resources". In the near future all members of The Center will receive an email with instructions on how to join the Alliance.



“Students living off-campus have always been the most difficult to reach”, said Knisely who is the Senior Fire Inspector for the Centre Region Code Administration in State College, PA. In this position he manages the Existing Structures Division that administers the fire and property maintenance code in all existing commercial and residential rental properties, and coordinates the life safety education for the community including off-campus and Greek housing.

“This is not a new challenge” said President Paul D. Martin. “It has been a popular topic of our Town Hall Meeting for several years. Last year we were challenged by our members to establish an Off-Campus Fire and Life Safety Alliance to enhance our efforts in addressing these challenges.” The issue was discussed once again at the November meeting in St. Louis where friends and colleagues discussed their own challenges with outreach to students especially those living off-campus as well as those living abroad.

Tim Knisely will also be writing for The Center’s monthly e-magazine that is distributed to over 17,000 readers. He is kicking off the new January issue with an article he wrote several years ago “ What is Off-Campus?” We hope this will be of value to members who want to share their ideas with the Campus Fire and Life Safety Alliance.





About The Center for Campus Fire Safety

The Center for Campus Fire Safety (The Center) is a non-profit 501C3 organization. The Center is a member focused organization devoted to reducing the loss of life from fire at our nation's campuses. The mission of The Center is to serve as an advocate for the promotion of campus fire safety. The Center serves as the focal point for the efforts of a number of organizations and also as a clearinghouse for information relating to campus fire safety.

Visit us at www.campusfiresafety.org for more information.

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