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“ I have been involved with The Center in various ways since very early after its founding. At the time of my first exposure, not long after Seton Hall, the nucleus of its founders were pretty much the only people paying much attention to campus fire safety. Many or even most colleges and universities now have some level of campus fire safety activity. There is no explanation for this difference other than the Center’s leadership and the work of its members in innovation and dedication and education and commitment. It is really fun to have someone from a college come to me and say, “We had this great idea for campus fire safety month. We’re going to ...” and realize that it started as a Center idea, perhaps years ago, and someone passed it to someone who shared it with another and now this person’s school is picking it up to make their students safer.

Those encounters evidence two realities. First, the work of The Center is not confined to direct contacts but is multiplied countless times over as concepts and ideas and programs are passed from the original recipient to others and then others and then others. Second, each one of those thousands who have now been made believers and been encouraged to do something at their institution and have taken steps to initiate or bolster programs on their campuses have, in turn, impacted the lives of students and faculties and staffs. The result of these two multiplication effects produces a Center influence for fire safety in the lives of multiple hundreds of thousands of people. Impressive and powerful and praiseworthy but, not the end.

Many of those then carry the fire safety message to family members and friends and co-workers and innumerable others.

The Center has every right to be proud for untold lives saved, untold fire injuries averted, and untold property loss avoided because of its work. Personally, I have had amazing opportunities to learn, meet very special people, share experiences and frustrations, and receive help that has enhanced my knowledge and level of professionalism and the safety of those I impact.”