



**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Federal Emergency Management Agency**

**[Docket ID FEMA-2008-0010]**

**Board of Visitors for the National Fire Academy**

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

**ACTION:** Committee Management; Notice of Open Federal Advisory Committee Meeting.

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**SUMMARY:** The Board of Visitors for the National Fire Academy (Board) will meet on October 5 and 6, 2012. The meeting will be open to the public.

**DATE:** The meeting will take place Friday, October 5, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST and Saturday, October 6, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. EST. Please note that the meeting may close early if the Board has completed its business.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the National Emergency Training Center, Building H, Room 300, Emmitsburg, Maryland. Members of the public who wish to obtain details on how to gain access to the facility and directions may contact Ruth MacPhail as listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section by close of business

September 27, 2012. A picture identification is needed for access. Members of the public may also participate by teleconference and may contact Ruth MacPhail to obtain the call-in number and access code. For information on services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance, contact Ruth MacPhail as soon as possible.

To facilitate public participation, we are inviting public comment on the issues to be considered by the Board as listed in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section. Comments must be submitted in writing no later than September 27, 2012, and must be identified by docket ID FEMA-2008-0010 and may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:**

<http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- **Mail/Hand Delivery:** Ruth MacPhail, 16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the words "Department of Homeland Security" and the docket ID for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received by the Board, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Public comments will be requested prior to deliberation of each agenda item. Speakers will be afforded 5 minutes to make comments. Contact Ruth MacPhail to register as a speaker.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ruth MacPhail, 16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727, telephone (301) 447-1117, fax (301) 447-1173, and email [ruth.macphail@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:ruth.macphail@fema.dhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (Pub.L. 92-463).

#### Purpose of the Board

The purpose of the Board is to review annually the programs of the National Fire Academy (Academy) and advise the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through the United States Fire Administrator, regarding the operation of the Academy and any improvements therein that the Board deems appropriate. The Board makes interim advisories to the Administrator of FEMA, through the United States Fire Administrator, whenever there is an indicated urgency to do so in fulfilling its duties. In

carrying out its responsibilities, the Board examines Academy programs to determine whether these programs further the basic missions which are approved by the Administrator of FEMA, examines the physical plant of the Academy to determine the adequacy of the Academy's facilities, and examines the funding levels for Academy programs. The Board submits an annual report through the United States Fire Administrator to the Administrator of FEMA, in writing. The report provides detailed comments and recommendations regarding the operation of the Academy.

#### Agenda

On the first day of the meeting, the Board will select a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for fiscal year (FY) 2013, and will review and approve the minutes of the July 26, 2012 meeting. The Board will attend Annual Ethics Training provided by FEMA's Office of Chief Counsel. The Board will discuss deferred maintenance and capital improvements on the National Emergency Training Center (NETC) campus, to include FY 2013 Budget Planning. The Board will review Academy program activities including mediated instructor-led Online Course Pilot update, new National Fire Academy (NFA) Online courses, Executive Fire Officer Program Prerequisites/Accreditation update, curriculum assessment status report, anticipated FY 2013

curriculum developments, and changes in the State training system.

The Board will also review the status of the Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE) Institutional Recognition and Certificate Program and the progress of Training Resources And Data Exchange (TRADE)/FESHE Adobe Connect electronic meetings, the future of the Degrees at a Distance Program (DDP) and how changes in the DDP Program will further the NFA goal of standardizing fire science and emergency services undergraduate degree programs.

The public will have an opportunity to comment on these issues prior to deliberation and final action by the Board. After deliberation, the Board will recommend actions to the Superintendent of the National Fire Academy and the Administrator of FEMA.

On the second day of the meeting, the Board will engage in an annual report working session. There will be no public comment period on the second day.

Dated: September 11, 2012.

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