



Training Resources and Data Exchange (TRADE)

Networking People to Advance
Fire Education and Training



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INTRODUCTION

As a part of the U. S. Fire Administration, the National Fire Academy (NFA) in Emmitsburg, Maryland, works to reduce the Nation's fire losses through training and education of the fire service and allied professionals. Academy courses and programs are designed to enhance the ability of the fire service and allied professionals to deal more effectively with fire and related emergencies.

The Academy's delivery system is diverse. Courses are delivered on campus at the resident facility in Emmitsburg and throughout the Nation in coordination with State and local fire-training officials and with local colleges and universities.

TRADE BACKGROUND

The Training Resources and Data Exchange (TRADE) Program is a regionally based network designed to foster the exchange of fire- and emergency services-related training information and resources among the Federal, State, and local levels of government.

TRADE was initiated in 1984 to address the difficulties that State and local fire training systems were experiencing in disseminating quality training programs effectively. The essential components of the TRADE system are the 10 regional networks that correspond to the existing Federal regional boundaries. These networks provide a mechanism for the exchange of resources and materials within and among regions. Regional TRADE cochairs, one elected by the State training directors and the other by the metropolitan fire services in each Region, serve as the points of contact for both intra- and inter-regional networking activities.

ELIGIBILITY

The TRADE network consists of the directors of the 50 State fire service training systems and senior executive training officers from the Nation's largest fire departments. Membership is granted to those metropolitan fire departments in each State that protect populations of 200,000 or more; have 400 or more uniformed personnel; or are the largest fire department in that State.

OBJECTIVES

The mission of TRADE is to:

- identify fire, rescue, and emergency medical services training and education needs at the regional level;
- identify and exchange training and educational programs and resources within regions, replicating, whenever possible, those resources;
- provide NFA with an annual assessment of fire training and education resources needs within Regions, together with recommendations as to how TRADE can better support Federal, State, and and local fire training and education systems; and
- identify national trends that have an impact on fire-related training and education.

COST-SHARED PROGRAM

The National Fire Academy provides cost-sharing grants to TRADE member organizations in the 10 Federal Regions to help facilitate meetings, reproduce and exchange training and educational materials, and conduct other networking activities. A banker is either elected or volunteers to perform the financial accounting for the Region.

In exchange, TRADE agencies help develop NFA curriculum for delivery in the field, and coordinate and implement NFA programs to States and Regions.

BENEFITS

Membership in TRADE means

- supporting the exchange of information about quality training programs between State and metropolitan fire agencies;
- fostering communication between the Academy and its constituents at the grassroots; and
- increasing knowledge and skills by effective networking at the Federal, State, and local levels.

Every 2 years, all participating members are invited to attend a national TRADE conference, held at the NFA, which provides structured opportunities for the exchange of fire-related training and educational materials, as well as peer networking. On alternate years, there is a meeting of the 20 regional TRADE co-chairs. Each regional network meets periodically with its membership for the same purposes.

The heart of TRADE is the participation of its members and their efforts to promote the vital exchange of fire-training information and knowledge among our Nation's many and varied fire training organizations. The NFA is proud to have the opportunity to work cooperatively with fire and emergency services training professionals throughout the United States.



REGION I

Connecticut: Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven • **Maine:** Portland
• **Massachusetts:** Boston, Springfield, Worcester • **New Hampshire:**
Manchester • **Rhode Island:** Providence • **Vermont:** Burlington

REGION II

New Jersey: Jersey City, Newark • **New York:** Buffalo, Monroe County,
Nassau County, New York City, Rochester, Suffolk County, Syracuse,
Yonkers

REGION III

Delaware: Wilmington • **Maryland:** Anne Arundel County, Baltimore
City, Baltimore County, Frederick County, Howard County, Montgomery
County, Prince George's County • **Pennsylvania:** Philadelphia, Pittsburgh
• **Virginia:** Chesterfield, Fairfax County, Henrico County, Norfolk, Prince
William, Richmond, Virginia Beach • **West Virginia:** Charleston • **District
of Columbia**

REGION IV

Alabama: Birmingham, Mobile • **Florida:** Broward County, Hialeah,
Hillsborough County, Jacksonville, Marion County, Metro-Dade, Miami,
Orange County, Palm Beach County, St. Petersburg, Tallahassee, Tampa •
Georgia: Atlanta, Cobb County, DeKalb County, Fulton County, Gwinnett
County • **Kentucky:** Lexington-Fayette, Louisville • **Mississippi:** Jackson
• **North Carolina:** Charlotte, Raleigh, Greensboro • **South Carolina:**
Columbia • **Tennessee:** Chattanooga, Knoxville, Memphis, Metro
Nashville and Davidson County

REGION V

Illinois: Chicago • **Indiana:** Indianapolis • **Michigan:** Detroit •
Minnesota: Minneapolis, St. Paul • **Ohio:** Akron, Cincinnati, Cleveland,
Columbus, Dayton, Toledo • **Wisconsin:** Milwaukee



REGION VI

Arkansas: Little Rock • **Louisiana:** Baton Rouge, Jefferson Parish East Bank, New Orleans, Shreveport • **New Mexico:** Albuquerque • **Oklahoma:** Oklahoma City, Tulsa • **Texas:** Arlington, Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Garland, Houston, Lubbock, Plano, San Antonio

REGION VII

Iowa: Des Moines • **Kansas:** Kansas City, Wichita • **Missouri:** Kansas City, St. Louis, St. Louis County • **Nebraska:** Lincoln, Omaha

REGION VIII

Colorado: Colorado Springs, Aurora, Denver, West Metro • **Montana:** Billings • **North Dakota:** Fargo • **South Dakota:** Sioux Falls • **Utah:** Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County • **Wyoming:** Casper

REGION IX

Arizona: Glendale, Mesa, Phoenix, Scottsdale, Tucson • **California:** Alameda County, Anaheim, Bakersfield, CA Department of Forestry, Contra Costa, Fresno, Kern County, Long Beach, Los Angeles City, Los Angeles County, Oakland, Orange County, Sacramento, San Bernardino County, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Ana, Stockton, Ventura County • **Hawaii:** Honolulu • **Nevada:** Clark County, Las Vegas, NV Division of Forestry

Region X

Alaska: Anchorage • **Idaho:** Boise • **Oregon:** Portland, Tualatin Valley • **Washington:** Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma

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