National Fire Academy Student Identification Designator Number Now Required

A few years ago, privacy issues and identity theft brought about significant changes in the ways that organizations verified individuals. I’m sure you can imagine that names alone are not specific enough to distinguish all the “John Smith’s” from each other. Prior to the changes, the Social Security Number was used to perform this function. For all the obvious reasons, that is no longer appropriate.

The Kansas Fire & Rescue Training Institute changed our process a few years back. The federal government is just now complying with the requirements to change. We have sent numerous messages informing people about this change, but with the final implementation of the new Department of Homeland Security/FEMA/National Fire Academy process upon us, we are sending this final notification.

The Institute received a notification recently that anyone registering for off-campus (and on campus) deliveries from the National Fire Academy will be required to have a DEHS/FEMA/NFA Student Identification Designator (SID) number.

The Institute sponsors numerous NFA deliveries within our system. Some of the courses are delivered directly by the NFA while others are delivered by our instructors with grant money received by the Institute. The required use of an SID applies to all the deliveries of National Fire Academy created and sponsored courses.

The SID number will be required in order to receive credit from the NFA for course attendance. Individuals are required to follow the prescribed processes to obtain the SID. This process is controlled by the DHS and requires each individual to obtain their own SID. Once you obtain an SID, we will assist you by recording your SID in our files (so you don’t have to carry the number around with you or memorize the number). Failure to obtain and use a SID number WILL NOT preclude you from participating in training offered by KF&RTI and the NFA/FEMA. Not having a SID will result in you receiving credit (and a certificate) from KF&RTI only and nothing from the NFA/FEMA.

Instructions on how to apply for and obtain a SID number are listed below.

How to obtain a SID:

- Go to the following web address: https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid
- Click on the “Create Account” button on the left side of the screen.
- Follow the instructions and provide the necessary information to create your account.
- If you need assistance, please email femasidhelp@cdpemail.dhs.gov or call 866-213-9699. The Help Desk is open from 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. (CST).

If you have any questions concerning SIDs or the processes of obtaining one, please contact the Institute or the DHS/FEMA help desk listed above.

Have questions? Need a presenter for your next county meeting? Would you like someone to come to your
next function to make a presentation to learn what the Institute can do for you? The Kansas Fire & Rescue
Training Institute would be pleased to come and talk to your organization. Call or send an email with details
of date, time, location and a local contact person (and phone number). We'll be in touch to confirm our
attendance.

Call 866-804-8841 or send an email to kufire@ku.edu. Ask for Glenn Pribbenow or any program manager.

Have a topic you want to see addressed? Send your idea to kufire@ku.edu!

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