



# REOPEN THE NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY

National Fire Academy Training ensures that America's fire and emergency services can receive the training they need to protect communities all across the country.

## Background

The National Fire Academy's mission is to provide training courses and advanced management programs for middle- and top-level fire officers, fire service instructors, technical professionals, and representatives from allied professions.

This is specialized training similar to the leadership training offered by the military war colleges for current and future military officers. Training at the NFA has been a priority of every Administration since NFA was first established by Congress in 1974, and should remain a priority for every Administration moving forward.

Each year, NFA offers training to approximately tens of thousands of fire and emergency services personnel. These classes help to ensure that career and volunteer firefighters alike have the information they need to protect their communities all across the country.

## Ask



Please reinstate classes at the NFA to ensure the fire service can receive the training necessary to continue protecting communities across our nation.

## Talking Points

### Enhancing Firefighter Training & Safety

NFA classes emphasize firefighter safety, leadership, incident command, and technical skills, helping to reduce injuries and fatalities.

### Strengthening Homeland Security & Public Safety

The NFA trains firefighters and emergency responders to handle major disasters, terrorist incidents, and large-scale emergencies, making them an essential component of national security infrastructure.

Other courses focus on critical incident management, hazardous materials response, and community preparedness, ensuring first responders can mitigate threats effectively.

### Supports Training Efficiencies

NFA addresses gaps in professional training not offered at the local level. Working efficiently in partnership with state training fire training programs, it also delivers advanced level training in states all around the country.