



# NORTH AMERICAN FIRE TRAINING DIRECTORS

SERVING STATE, PROVINCIAL AND TERRITORIAL FIRE TRAINING AND EDUCATION SYSTEMS

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The North American Fire Training Directors (NAFTD) is an international organization that promotes the common interests of providing a quality fire training and educational experience for firefighters. The membership is comprised of the Directors of the recognized authority of fire service training in each of the fifty states and each Canadian province and territory. NAFTD members serve as the primary point of contact for fire training and education conducted throughout the United States and Canada. State/provincial/territorial fire training systems are typically based in a university or a government entity such as the state/provincial/territorial fire marshal's office or fire commission.

Each year the NAFTD member training systems provides training to over 940,000 firefighters and emergency responders ranging from basic entry level fire-fighting instruction to professional development courses for chief fire officers (913,000 in United States; 27,000 in Canada). Many NAFTD members are responsible for training standards and requirements within their jurisdictions, and have certification programs that are nationally or internationally accredited.

In addition to coordinating and delivering their own training programs, each U.S. training entity of the NAFTD works in concert with the National Fire Academy (NFA) and the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) to provide NFA programming to over 92,000 fire service students at the state level. As the face of the National Fire Academy within each state, the individual state training entities maintain the same quality of instruction and high standards established by the National Fire Academy.

Recognized by other major fire service organizations, governmental entities, and legislators as key stakeholders, the North American Fire Training Directors organization is often sought out as a source of input, information and resource on fire service related issues and policy.

## **NAFTD MEMBERSHIP AND OBJECTIVES**

Membership in NAFTD is open to the single individual or designated alternate who is responsible for the administration and delivery of entity-wide fire training and education for each state, province, or territory. The mission and purpose of the NAFTD is to:

- Focus the combined, diverse talents and resources of our members to achieve a safe environment through enhancing and supporting the role of training and education for the fire and rescue service.
- To serve as a forum for the enhancement and enrichment of state, provincial and territorial fire training and education for the fire and rescue services.

## **NAFTD PARTNERSHIPS**

In order to assure a professional program of services the NAFTD Partners with:

- National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications
- International Fire Service Accreditation Congress
- Congressional Fire Service Institute National Advisory Committee
- Fire Corps National Advisory Committee
- Fire Department Instructor's Conference

- International Fire Service Training Association, Fire Protection Publications
- National Initiatives
  - ✓ National Fire Academy Endorsement Program
  - ✓ National Fire Academy Enfranchisement Program
  - ✓ Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program
  - ✓ T.R.A.D.E. (Training Resource And Data Exchange)
  - ✓ Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant Program

### **NAFTD MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

- Listserv for all Members
  - ✓ Sharing information
  - ✓ General announcements
  - ✓ Update on legislative issues
  - ✓ Requests for information
  - ✓ Closed for NAFTD use only
- Web Site
  - ✓ List and contact information of members
  - ✓ NAFTD information (by-laws, officers, etc.)
  - ✓ Links to member web sites and related sites
  - ✓ Information for members
  - ✓ Meeting information
- Meetings
  - ✓ FDIC in the Spring
  - ✓ Fall annual meeting hosted by a state or provincial fire training entity
- Committee Review
  - ✓ Legislative Committee keeps membership apprised of federal bills
  - ✓ Board of Directors work with National entities and keep membership informed
    - Department of Homeland Security
    - NFA, USFA, FEMA

### **NAFTD FACTS**

*NAFTD is a key component in the workforce development of fire and emergency service first responders by preparing them to respond to community emergencies and mitigate natural and manmade disasters.”*

*NAFTD Organizations are typically established by the legislative or executive order to provide training, education and certification programs for the fire service.*

*NAFTD Organizations provide training and education in fire ground command and operations, emergency medical services, emergency response to terrorism, leadership, management, fire prevention, and rescue.*

*NAFTD Organizations trained approximately 940,000 students with an annual operating expense of over \$200 million.*

*NAFTD Organizations own or operate approximately 469 classrooms, 1,925 fixed or mobile props and have access to hundreds more through collaboration and agreements.*

*NAFTD Organizations not only train and educate fire service personnel with the skills needed for the jobs they have today, they help them gain the skills necessary to build a career.*