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The Center for Campus Fire Safety (CCFS) receives \$460K grant to continue its Firewise Campus Training Program and an On-line nationwide campus fire reporting program.

NEWBURYPORT, MASSACHUSETTS, April 14, 2008 ... The Center for Campus Fire Safety announced today that it has been awarded a \$460,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security through the Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) grants program for a two phase project focusing on campus fire safety.

Part one of the project provides funding for the Center to continue its critically acclaimed Firewise Campus training seminars across the country. These classes afford fire safety professionals a chance to gain an understanding of successful training methodologies for the college age group, as well as receive tools and resources that they can use to effectively educate students and work further to provide a fire-safe campus environment.



The second aspect of the project will provide a launching point for a nationwide campus fire reporting program and will start a more accurate and defined portrayal of fire as it affects colleges and universities in the United States. As there has yet to be a true study done on these numbers, the Center will pioneer the effort with the support and expertise of several partners with a common mission of fire and life safety on campuses such as the National Fire Protection Association.

Paul D. Martin, Vice President of the Center said: "Through their actions in awarding this grant, it is clear that our fellow fire safety professionals and national leaders in Washington recognize that campus fire safety is an area of concern and understand the importance and value of investing in it."

It is the Center's goal to help its peers, be they campus fire safety educator, government official or member of the fire service - to work together and raise the consciousness of college students about fire safe behaviors at a critical point in their lives.

"Firewise Campus training is designed specifically for anyone who has a part in delivering fire safety education to college students. And is intended to help them succeed in that undertaking" said Michael Halligan, President of the Center for Campus Fire Safety. "This is the only training program of its kind on a national level, and it provides these officials with invaluable tools to help ensure that students receive the life-saving information that they desperately need."



Amy Hamel, Executive Director of the Center, said: “In order to best protect America’s college students from the ravages of fire, it is critical to capture the true picture of the occurrence of fire, and this project will begin to vividly paint that canvass.”

“In today’s world, statistics and demonstrable data are key components in addressing any issue.” said Martin “Building a simple, web-based means to capture and record this information as it relates to campus related fires will be a tremendously important step.”

Working with the Center on the grant will be its powerhouse partner; UL University. UL University is the training division of Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL), one of the world’s largest and oldest not-for-profit product safety testing and certification organizations, and they will be bringing their tremendous expertise in instructional design and development to help evaluate the effectiveness of the training programs.

“Through a balanced approach to fire protection and application of the three E’s—engineering, enforcement and education, America will see senseless and tragic fire deaths and injuries prevented.” said Martin “And that is what the Center is all about.”

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*The Center for Campus Fire Safety (CCFS) was formed to provide a central point for fire and life safety on college and university campuses. CCFS is committed to the free exchange of information to support the professionals dedicated to protecting life and property from fire at institutions of higher learning.*



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