

FINAL RECOMMENDATION
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Recommendation of the Action Plan Team: CORE Mission

Statement of Issue #: 10-16 The current on- and off-campus student population may not reflect the geographic and demographic diversity of the United States fire service.

Recommendation #R-45

- Summary: Establishing outreach to allied professional groups (e.g., burn centers, etc.).
- Recommendation: Expand the already implemented outreach system to further enhance applications from our allied professional groups for National Fire Academy (NFA) courses. USFA has begun outlining a proposed short-course targeting the professional design community. The course will aid architects and designers navigate the variety of rules and regulations developed by local fire code authorities. Where applicable, all NFA course criteria should be revised to include allied professionals.
- Background: Effective to date personnel with substantial involvement in fire prevention and control, emergency medical services, fire-related emergency management activities, or allied professionals are eligible to apply for NFA courses.
- All applicants for on-campus courses must meet the specific selection criteria for each course as stated in the NFA Course Catalog. Selection also is based on the impact the applicant will have on the quality of fire protection in the local community, the potential for use of the skills acquired, and equitable and representative distribution form the total fire service.
- NFA is an Equal Opportunity institution. It does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, race, color, religious belief, national origin, or disability in its admissions and student-related policies and procedures. NFA makes every effort to assure equitable representation of minorities to include women, people of color and under represented groups in its student body. Qualified women, people of color and the under represented groups are encouraged to apply for all courses.

1. Priority: High
2. Step(s) to Achieve: 1. Revise course criteria for all NFA courses to include allied professional groups, where applicable.
2. USFA will market other allied professional groups to promote courses.
3. Estimated Time Frame: On-going
4. Estimated Cost: It is anticipated that considerable costs will be associated with this recommendation to include the revision of course criteria, staff time to review increased applications, increase in student stipends, and cost associated with wide program marketing.
5. Outcome: Through extended partnership activities USFA will be able to reach many more fire service personnel and allied professionals. Increased student enrollment will enhance the fire service capabilities for their respective communities.
- Conclusion: The Core Mission Team supports this recommendation.

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