



January 5, 2009

Dear Fire Chief and/or Fire Official:

On behalf of the Mississippi Fire Chiefs Association, and in cooperation with the Mississippi Association of Public Fire Service Educators and Fire Team USA, I would like to invite you to a special day and a half informational and training conference on fire protection for your community. Mississippi was selected to be a point of delivery for the 2009 Fire Team USA workshop series!

All you have to do is coordinate your team, sign up, and show up! Accommodations, training, and information is provided free of charge. Registration is easy, log on to www.fireteamusa.com and register. The Fire Team USA team will make your hotel arrangements and provide you with a confirmation and details.

Fire Team USA is partnering for public policy with a focus on cooperating for quality communities. This seminar is an initiative to bring fire marshals, fire chiefs, elected officials, building officials, and other stakeholders from communities across Mississippi together to learn and share fire prevention methods and alternatives that affect our quality of life. Public policy on fire protection is important in our communities for lots of reasons and a main concern is the well-being of our citizens as well as controlling the rising cost of providing such services. Let us come together and explore our options for the future. Policy makers, fire service officials, and other stakeholders must partner together to ensure that quality of life is maintained as our communities grow and transition.

Thanks to a grant administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Office of Grants and Training through the Fire Prevention and Safety Grants program, we are able to offer this important and informative session.

This informational and training seminar will explore current public policy, how community planning affects fire protection, fire prevention efforts currently underway, and how fire sprinkler legislation can assist in the future quality of life in our communities. We will also explore opportunities that exist for grants to assist local communities with their fire protection efforts. We are currently working with the State Fire Marshal's Office to get credit toward inspector certification with portions of this session.

Please, gather up your team and join us for the future of your community and our state. We would like a fire chief, fire marshal, an elected or appointed official, and the building official from every county and city in the state to participate. Our website, www.fireteamusa.com will have the latest information and more details on the conference. You will be able to register online and we will take care of the rest! If you do not have internet access, and would like a paper registration form, please call us at 615-533-0305.

Who is invited to attend: Each community has four seats with suggested stakeholders being:

Fire Chief	Fire Marshal
Mayor	Commissioner
Aldermen	Council Members
Building Commissioner or Official	Planning Commission Chairman or member
Water Purveyor	Insurance Agent
Builder / Developer	Other Community Stakeholder/Leader

We look forward to your consideration of this unique opportunity, and we hope to see you the last week of January. We are pleased to report that we are holding this event at the same hotel as the Mississippi Municipal League meeting, in hopes that policy makers will choose to come early and learn more about community fire protection.

Please review the information regarding the program below.

LODGING AND WORKSHOP HELD AT:

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Sincerely,

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