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Dear National Fire Academy Student:

Congratulations on being selected to attend the U.S. Fire Administration's National Fire Academy's *Command and Control Decision Making at Multiple Alarm Incidents* course.

This course is designed for fire officers who have the responsibility of conducting significant fire and rescue operations involving multi-alarm units. Some of the subjects covered in this course are: rapid fireground decision making; advanced applications in incident command; command and control; safety; personnel accountability; and communications.

Due to the complexity of the command and control procedures required in this course, it is imperative that you have a solid foundation in the incident command system. On the first morning of class, you will be evaluated regarding your competency in the ICS System. In an effort to assist, you must complete the Q297-*Awareness of Command and Control Decision Making at Multi-Alarm Incidents* course prior to coming to Emmitsburg for class. You can access this course at www.nfaonline.dhs.gov

This course is very interactive, relying heavily on simulations as the primary instructional medium. You will be challenged with realistic simulations that require you to evaluate multiple hazards that are predominant in significant fire and rescue incidents. Fire department emergencies involving multi-family occupancies, hotels, commercial occupancies, large shopping malls, railroad incidents, wildland, and highrise are just some of the incidents that will be simulated.

It is important to note that this is a 6-day class, and the first day of class will begin on Sunday at approximately 8 a.m. Subsequent classes will meet daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with graduation occurring on Friday at 4 p.m. Because of this schedule, you will be provided lodging for Friday night. Evening classes may be required.

Increasing numbers of students and instructors are bringing laptop computers to campus. You alone are responsible for the security and maintenance of your equipment. The Academy cannot provide you with computer software, hardware, or technical support to include disks, printers, scanners, etc. There are a limited number of 120 Volt AC outlets in the classrooms. A Student Computer Lab is located in Building D and is available for all students to use. It is open daily with technical support provided in the evenings. This lab uses Windows XP and Office 2003 as the software standard.

Should you need additional information related to course content or requirements, please feel free to contact Mr. Robert Bennett, Incident Policy and Analysis Curriculum Training Specialist at (301) 447-1483 or email at robertj.bennett@dhs.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denis Onieal". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Dr. Denis Onieal, Superintendent
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