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Dear National Fire Academy Student:

We are looking forward to your arrival at the U.S. Fire Administration's (USFA's) National Fire Academy (NFA), as well as your participation in *Hot Topics Research in Fire Protection* (HTRFP).

In order for you to be prepared upon arrival you must think about and bring to class a "current event" or "hot topic" that affects your community's fire protection. It might be something as mundane as requirements for fire apparatus access road widths or as controversial as requiring automatic sprinklers in new and existing buildings. You and your table group will select one topic and conduct team research on it.

End-of-class graduation ceremonies are an important part of the course and you are expected to attend. Please do not make any travel arrangements to leave campus until after you and your classmates graduate.

Although you will not need it, you are welcome to bring a laptop computer to class. Remember, you alone are responsible for its security and technical support while you are on campus. There are desktop computers available on campus for your use.

Should you need additional information related to course content or requirements, please feel free to contact Mr. Woody Stratton, Training Specialist, at (301) 447-1380 or by email at Woody.Stratton@fema.dhs.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denis Onieal".

Dr. Denis Onieal, Superintendent
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