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First NFPA Fire Inspector Training Scheduled

Is your fire inspector still not certified? Time is running out. All fire and building inspectors must be certified by July 1, 1995.

If your city uses National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) codes, you should take advantage of a **free** NFPA Fire Inspector 1 training class, presented by the Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office at the state fire school in Murfreesboro. This is the first time since certification has been required by the state that a training session has been offered for the NFPA exam. The class will be Monday through Thursday, Dec. 12-15, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday, Dec. 16, from 8 a.m. until noon. While there's no cost for the class, participants must bring their own NFPA code books and furnish their own lodging, meals, and travel expenses.

The instructor will be Laura Hoffman with the Nashville Fire Department. Class size is limited, so sign up as soon as possible. Priority will be given to applicants who are currently enforcing the fire code and aren't state certified. All class materials will be provided at no cost.

The Fire Inspector 1 test will be given on Friday, Dec. 16, at 1 p.m. You don't have to be a participant in the class to take the test on Friday. The cost of the test is $85.

To register or if you have questions, contact Fred Sims at the State Fire Marshal's Office, 500 James Robertson Parkway, Third Floor, Nashville, Tenn. 37243; (615) 741-2981.

The University of Tennessee Center for Government Training continues its efforts to train both fire and building codes officials who enforce the Southern Building Codes Congress International (SBCCI). The next full SBCCI classes for fire and building codes will be in April 1995 in West Tennessee, probably Jackson. Last month in East Tennessee, 25 participants attended fire codes training and 25 attended building codes training.

CGT also is planning continuing education classes at the annual meetings of fire chiefs and building officials. The classes, probably four hours, will be for re-certification credit, not for initial training. For more information, call Steve Collie in CGT's Nashville office: (615) 327-2656.

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