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## Dear National Fire Academy Student:

Congratulations on your acceptance into the U.S. Fire Administration's National Fire Academy's Volunteer Incentive Program *Fire Cause Determination for Company Officers* (FCDCO) course. We look forward to your arrival, and hope to provide you with a rewarding learning experience. The materials in this course will address the basic skills needed to conduct initial fire cause determinations.

To assist in your preparation needs, you should review the following: NFPA 921, *Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigations*, 2011 Edition and NFPA 1033, *Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigators*, 2009 Edition.

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 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with graduation occurring on Friday at 4:00 p.m. 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.

Should you need additional information related to course content or requirements, please feel free to contact Mr. Michael L. Donahue, Fire/Arson and Explosion Investigation Curriculum Training Specialist, at (301) 447-1158 or email at Michael.Donahue2@fema.dhs.gov

Sincerely,

Dr. Denis Onieal, Superintendent

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