

# NATIONAL CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH 2009

**National Campus Fire Safety Month** is a month-long event in September to encourage schools across the nation to raise awareness among their students on fire safety issues. First started in 2005 by a group of parents who had lost children in campus fires and fire safety advocates, it has grown to include proclamations being issued by governors, resolutions being passed in Congress and a national launch



being held on Capitol Hill. In addition, a comparable launch was held on the same day in the United Kingdom.

In 2008, the launch was held on Capitol Hill for the first time and was a resounding success. It brought together students from the University of North Carolina and the University of South Carolina, parents, fire

officials, advocates and others for a full day that included a press conference with five Members of Congress followed by meetings with Congressional staffers. **The students said that this was clearly one of the most memorable experiences of their college year and many are coming back again for 2009.**

If you or your school or organization is interested in taking part, please review the information in this handout. If you have any questions, or if you want to participate, then contact Ed Comeau at [ecomeau@campus-firewatch.com](mailto:ecomeau@campus-firewatch.com) or 413-323-6002.

## WHAT

- Launch of National Campus Fire Safety Month in September
- Schools across the country use this as an opportunity to provide fire safety information and education to their students
- Congressional Co-Sponsors include
  - Senator Frank Lautenberg (NJ)
  - Senator Susan Collins (ME)
  - Congressman Bill Pascrell (NJ)
  - Congressman Joe Wilson (SC)

## WHEN

- Pre-event briefing (mandatory)
  - Wednesday, September 16, 2009
  - TENTATIVELY 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
  - Location: Hyatt Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Avenue, NW
- Launch
  - Thursday, September 17, 2009
  - 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on Capitol Hill (time is not confirmed so block out this window) to meet with Members of Congress or their staff and press conference
  - 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm reception (tentative as well)



## WHERE

- Capitol Hill, Washington, DC

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## HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED

- Send a contingent of students to take part
- We will be holding a press conference
- We will be meeting with Members of Congress or their staff to talk about fire safety issues and legislation
- A briefing will be held the night before to go over what we will be discussing
- Teams comprised of students, parents, fire officials and advocates will be formed to meet with Congress
- Each team will be provided with a packet of information to use when meeting with Members or their staff



## LOGISTICS

- Lodging to be at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill
- [www.washingtonregency.hyatt.com](http://www.washingtonregency.hyatt.com)
- 202-737-1234
- Everyone is responsible for their own travel and lodging
- Rate: \$229.00 per night per room
- Room block is under the name "Campus Fire Safety Month"
- Cutoff date is August 17
- The event will be centrally coordinated
- We will be making extensive use of social media to help promote the event (Facebook, Twitter, youtube, etc.)

## WHO

This event is being organized through a collaborative effort of

- Campus Firewatch ([www.campus-firewatch.com](http://www.campus-firewatch.com))
- Carolina Fraternity and Sorority Life and Phi Gamma Delta, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill ([www.unc.edu](http://www.unc.edu))
- Congressional Fire Services Institute ([www.cfsi.org](http://www.cfsi.org))
- Ohio Fire Safety Coalition ([www.ohiofsc.org](http://www.ohiofsc.org))

## SUPPORTERS

Over three dozen organizations, companies, schools and communities have signed up to be supporters of National Campus Fire Safety Month. It is free and is a way to show your support of this important cause. If you would like to see the list, or become a supporter, please visit our website at [www.CampusFireSafetyMonth.org](http://www.CampusFireSafetyMonth.org).



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