

FEMA Releases New Fire Extinguisher Life Safety CD-ROM

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FEMA, the Life Safety Group, represents the leading manufacturers of fire protection equipment in the industry. Its mission is to save lives and protect property through balanced fire protection.

With the recent catastrophic fires in large public gathering spaces reported in the media, FEMA felt the need to produce a CD-ROM that would provide education on portable fire extinguishers, review codes and standards relevant to public meeting spaces and assembly halls, and present the benefits of these life-saving devices to address this critical life safety issue.

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key industry leaders and fire protection experts are interviewed regarding their knowledge and understanding of how to make commercial spaces as fire safe as possible.

"This CD-ROM, which consults with fire protection industry leaders and public assembly safety managers, is a compelling and honest overview of fire

extinguishers and their impact on building safety," says Fred Goodnight, president of FEMA. "It is an excellent fit with educational institutions, businesses, and other public assembly spaces in terms of their need for factual information about this critical component of a fire protection plan."

"After much hard work and research, we believe this program is one of the most up-to-date, informative tools on the issue of portable fire extinguisher effectiveness and safety," he adds. "We feel it is one of the best resources available on the topic."

"Your First Defense When Disaster Strikes" is designed to accompany FEMA's educational materials about balanced fire protection, which include a brochure and a building diagram that indicates where and what types of fire equipment should be installed in commercial structures. The CD-ROM has a running time of approximately ten minutes and explains specific codes and standards for portable fire extinguishers. It also includes testimonials from industry professionals and an educational overview of the fire equipment that is required in all commercial structures.

The CD-ROM, along with the "Balanced Fire Protection for Life Safety" brochure and building diagram, can be ordered by visiting the FEMA website at www.femalifesafety.org. Locate the online ordering form on the Educational Materials page, or you can e-mail FEMA at fema@taol.com with questions or for more information. ♦

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