

# Useful Internet Sites

**Note:** This is a short list of suggested sites; there are many others that can help you! Inclusion on this list does not imply endorsement of the NYS Office of Fire Prev. & Control for the information or services presented on these sites.

If you'd like more information on using the Web for research or study, send a message to Diana Robinson at [OFPC.Library@dhses.ny.gov](mailto:OFPC.Library@dhses.ny.gov) . You can also request this list as a PDF file (so you can click on links rather than typing them into your browser).

This list distributed by the Library of the NYS Office of Fire Prevention & Control, Academy of Fire Science (607-535-7136, extension 605).

...And please visit NYS OFPC Library page and online catalog link at  
<http://www.dhses.ny.gov/ofpc/training/fire-academy/library.cfm>

## EMS

NYS Department of Health EMS Bureau  
<http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/ems/main.htm>

EMS Close Calls  
<http://emsclosecalls.com>

National Highway Traffic Safety Admin./US DOT  
<http://www.ems.gov>

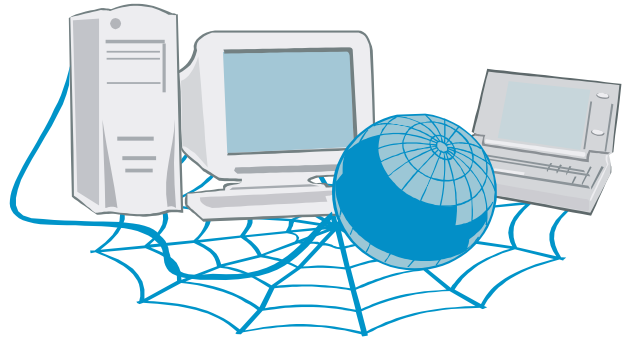
SUNY Upstate Health Info. Center (Articles, animations, videos, anatomical models)  
<http://library.upstate.edu/index.php>

JEMS Magazine (also Fire-Rescue Magazine and Homeland First Response Magazines)  
<http://www.jems.com/>

EMS Village (Lots of EMS-related news, links, discussion lists, PowerPoint presentation sharing)  
<http://www.emsvillage.com>

National Library of Medicine (free access to MEDLINE, PubMed and other resources)  
<http://health.nih.gov/>

NLM's Specialized Information Services (free databases and research related to toxicity & hazmat, reviews & downloads of PDA software, esp. WISER (for 1<sup>st</sup> responders at hazmat incidents)  
<http://sis.nlm.nih.gov> and <http://wiser.nlm.nih.gov>



## *General Fire Service*

US Fire Admin. & National Fire Academy (Publications, facts, downloadable documents, training drills, software, statistics, course information, grants & resources database, kid's firesafety game. A must!)  
<http://www.usfa.fema.gov>

New York State Office of Fire Prevention & Control (info about OFPC services, courses, the Fire Academy, safety alerts, legislation, how to become a firefighter, general info on the fire service in NYS, coordinators lists, documents, Academy library online catalog, more!)  
<http://www.dhses.ny.gov/ofpc/>

NYS Fire Info wiki (unofficial tips and guides for officers, instructors and students needing information)  
<http://nysfireinfo.pbworks.com>

NIOSH Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program (summaries of LODD investigations)  
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/fire>

Firehouse Magazine (news, links, metasearch engine, podcasts, MFRI lesson plans/training drills, etc.)  
<http://www.firehouse.com>

NETC Learning Resource Center (**Great for research!** This is the NETC library in Emmitsburg)  
<http://www.usfa.fema.gov/data/library/>

NFPA (Documents, standards info, news, library bibliographies & extensive links to other websites)  
<http://www.nfpa.org> and [http://www.nfpa.org/aboutthecodes/list\\_of\\_codes\\_and\\_standards.asp](http://www.nfpa.org/aboutthecodes/list_of_codes_and_standards.asp) (Sign in for free access to read-only versions of codes – registration is free!)

Building & Fire Research Lab (Fire prot. engineering literature database, FPE software to download, etc.)  
<http://www.bfrl.nist.gov/bfrlris/>

Central NY Firetrucks (despite the name, photos from all areas of the State)  
<http://www.cnyfiretrucks.com/>

Emergency Responder Safety Institute (Roadway response SOPs, video, documents, pics, news)  
<http://www.respondersafety.com>

Dave Walsh's page at SUNY/Dutchess (PowerPoint presentations, audio & video clips)  
[http://faculty.sunydutchess.edu/walsh/fire\\_training\\_resources.htm](http://faculty.sunydutchess.edu/walsh/fire_training_resources.htm)

Delmar Firefighter's Handbook companion site (with quizzes, games, instructor resources and more)  
<http://www.delmarlearning.com/companions/index.asp?isbn=1401835759>

Drive to Survive (Emergency vehicle safety, maintenance, training resources, video clips, documents)  
<http://drivetosurvive.org/>

ESIP (No longer offered online, but FD guidelines and SOPs are archived at  
[https://web.archive.org/web/20071018050558/http://esip.com/mcneil.aspx?page=loss\\_control\\_resources](https://web.archive.org/web/20071018050558/http://esip.com/mcneil.aspx?page=loss_control_resources) )

Every One Goes Home (great source for FF safety and survival information& downloads)  
<http://www.everyonegoeshome.com/>

FDNY  
<http://www.nyc.gov/fdny> (Official) and <http://www.nyfd.com> (Unofficial)

## *General Fire Service, cont.*

Federated Fire Search Engine (Retrieves aggregated search results from multiple online databases or web resources specializing in research. Heavy on fire protection engineering, but includes fire service research.  
<http://www.iafss.org/fire-research-engine/>

Firefighter Close Calls (Narratives, “lessons learned,” weekly drill archive, SOPs, links, safety warnings)  
<http://www.firefighterclosecalls.com>

Firefighterspot.com (source for lots of amateur online video)

Firedawg. (Lists fire-related college degree programs by state; also DOD, local, certificate & distance learning) See also <http://www.DODfire.com>  
<http://www.firedawg.com>

Flashover TV (hundreds of video clips online, many of which can be used in training)  
<http://flashovertv.firerescue1.com/>

GI Bill Benefits for attending school (including NYS Academy of Fire Science courses)  
[http://www.gibill.va.gov/School\\_Info/once/index.htm](http://www.gibill.va.gov/School_Info/once/index.htm)

IAFC International Assn. of Fire Chiefs. (General info, full-text resources, links and “members-only” area)  
<http://www.iafc.org>

IAFF International Assn. of Fire Fighters. (Training resources, wellness, downloads, legislation, news. Some areas members-only. See <http://www.iaff.org/evsp/> for emergency vehicle driving safety resources.)  
<http://www.iaff.org/>

Fire Service Joint Labor Management Wellness/Fitness Initiative: Candidate Physical Ability Test. *9-page orientation guide at* <http://www.uaf.edu/files/fire/CPAT%20Orientation%20Guide.pdf>; video clips at <http://www.iaff.org/HS/Well/index.htm>

inFire Organizations (list with links of fire organizations that do research or have resource collections)  
<http://www.infire.org>

“Lessons Learned” community of practice for emergency response providers & homeland security officials  
<http://www.llis.gov> (Registration required) **site undergoing maintenance**

National Association of State Fire Marshals (Training resources, info, advocacy)  
<http://www.firemarshals.org>

Natl. Vol. Fire Council (calendar, legislative news, links, resources)  
<http://www.nvfc.org>

New York State Assn. of Fire Chiefs (News, resources, legislative action, links, more)  
<http://www.nysfirechiefs.com>

NIMS Resource Center  
<https://www.fema.gov/national-incident-management-system>

North Carolina Office of the State Fire Marshal “Pocket Tools” (instructor resources, drills, more)  
<http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/RPD/pt/>

## ***General Fire Service, cont.***

Public Safety Education Network (video clips, podcasts, webcasts, uploads and more)  
<http://www.publicsafetyedu.com>

SUNY Fire Prevention & Safety (campus and general fire safety info)  
<http://www.albany.edu/ehs/Firesafety.shtml>

TRADE (NFA's Training Resources And Data Exchange site for lesson plans, PowerPoint programs, etc.)  
<http://feti.lsu.edu/municipal/NFA/TRADE/> OR <http://feti.lsu.edu/trade/> for subject searching.

Volunteer & Combination Officer's Section, IAFC  
<http://web.archive.org/web/20070806054035/http://vcos.org/resourcesonline.html> (much of the material that used to be at vcos.org is no longer available from the current [www.vcosiafc.org](http://www.vcosiafc.org) site, but the old material archived on Web. Most of it was transferred also to <http://www.fsm.us/online-resources.htm>)

VolunteerFD.org (VFD management issues, esp. fundraising, SOGs, bylaws, recruitment, grants, training)  
<http://www.volunteerFD.org>

Volunteer Firemens Insurance Services (page listing downloads of SOPs, guides, bylaws, etc.)  
<http://www.vfis.com/emergency-service-resources.htm>

Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center (case studies, NWCG courses, PowerPoints, etc.)  
<http://www.wildfirelessons.net>

Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
<http://www.wpi.edu/Academics/Library> (online catalog of their library & links to other online catalogs)  
<http://www.wpi.edu/Academics/Depts/Fire> (lots on fire protection engineering and links)

## ***Hazardous Materials/WMD***

National Agricultural Safety Database (esp. for pesticides, herbicides, etc. but also has general safety info)  
<http://www.nasdonline.org>

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<http://sis.nlm.nih.gov> and <http://wiser.nlm.nih.gov/>

EPA emergency response page (CAMEO and other tools, software, databases, documents, FAQs,  
<http://www.epa.gov/oem/index.htm>

E-Plan Emergency Response Information System (largest US database of chemical and facility hazards data)  
<https://erplan.net>

ERG Ebook & Placard Apps (free for volunteer firefighters)  
<http://placardapp.com/>

HazMat Zone (free registration for MSDS, regulations, exposure limits, first aid, tutorials, checklists)  
<http://www.hz.genium.com/>

OSHA Globally Harmonized System for Hazard Communication (replaced MSDS)  
<http://www.osha.gov/dsg/hazcom/global.html>

US Dept. of Transportation hazmat homepage. (Including mobile ERG app download.)  
<http://hazmat.dot.gov/>

Best picks for MSDS info:  
<http://www.epa.gov/enviro/html/emci/chemref/index.html>  
<http://www.ilpi.com/msds/index.html>

## ***Laws, Law Enforcement, Forensic Science, Fire Investigation***

Certified Arson & Fire Investigator Training (Run by IAAI, delivers free training, resources and Webinars to investigators. Registration is required, but free.)  
<http://CFItrainer.net>

<http://www.findlaw.com> **and** <http://www.legalengine.com>  
(Both have great links, cases, codes, legislation, regulations, legal issues, news, firms, consultants, experts)

Interfire VR (Fire & arson resources and information exchange)  
<http://www.interfire.org>

Intl. Assn. of Arson Investigators (Information, alerts, links, documents)  
<http://www.firearson.com>

Fire Science & Technology, Inc. (Good info on technical/engineering aspects of fire scene reconstruction, expert testimony, fire behavior, heat release, fire gas toxicology, and electrical fire cause determination)  
<http://www.doctorfire.com/contents.html>

National Center for Forensic Science's Ignitable Liquids Reference Collection  
<http://ncfs.ucf.edu/databases>

NY State Court decisions and slip opinions  
<http://www.courts.state.ny.us/reporter/Decisions.htm>

## ***Other Emergency Response or Safety Info***

Emergency communications & public safety wireless research & standards  
<http://wireless.fcc.gov/publicsafety/> **and** <http://www.safecomprogram.gov/SAFECOM/>

Federal Emergency Management Administration (publications, courses, USAR, NIMS tools, sit reps)  
<http://www.fema.gov>

National Safety Council (lots of good safety-related information, incl. child safety, industrial hygiene, etc.)  
<http://www.nsc.org>

NYS Dept. of State, Codes Division. (NYS codes information, checklists, documents)  
<http://www.dos.state.ny.us/code/ls-codes.html>

OSHA (Health & safety resources, regulations, documents, standards, technical info, links)  
<http://www.osha.gov>

US Consumer Product Safety Commission (Information, recalls, safety alerts)  
<http://www.cpsc.gov>

## ***Utilities, General Reference and Online Catalogs***

Autodesk 123D (Free utility that stitches photos together to create a 3D image or object)  
<http://www.123dapp.com/>

Bloglines (online service for searching, subscribing, creating, sharing news feeds, blogs & rich web content.  
<http://www.bloglines.com>

CSEA Test Prep Book Series - Full text of 26 booklets, the only aids written specifically for NYS Civil Service exams. No longer free on the Web for nonmembers, but older archived version below still works.  
<http://web.archive.org/web/20060524032029/http://www.csea659.org/books.htm> . Online prep courses available at <http://csealearningcenter.org/default.cfm> for \$9.99 members (\$19.99 nonmembers) a month.

Internet Archive (Favorite site or important document no longer on the Web? Try this!)  
<http://www.archive.org>

Google Sketchup (free computerized drawing tool with large library of drawings for import)  
<http://sketchup.google.com>

New York Public Library - Anyone in NY State can get a NYPL card that will allow access to many databases, full-text resources & encyclopedias, Learning Express Library (civil service, EMT, CDL, academic, licensing & military test review). You also get audiobooks, music files, e-books, video downloads and more!  
<http://www.nypl.org>, application info at <http://catalog.nypl.org/screens/selfregpick.html>

New York State Government Information Locator (Links to NYS state agency information. Try: Senate & Assembly sites for laws & legislation; OGS for state contracts; Civil Service for exam info & municipal personnel office contacts; SEMO for disaster management)  
<http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/ils>

New York State Library (online catalog, free databases via NOVEL, records retention rules, much more!)  
<http://www.nysl.nysed.gov> and <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/gate/esubject.htm#NOVELNY> (current or retired NYS employees can get even more by applying at <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/reference/borrowers/nysemployees.htm>

PC Magazine / Ziff-Davis (Computing info, downloads, hardware and software reviews, sources)  
PC Magazine <http://pcmag.com> with sister site <http://www.zdnet.com>

**...and our very own online catalog at <http://afs.mlasolutions.com/oasis/catalog/?installation=AFS>**  
Our database of over 45,000 journal articles, 3,300 videos (on VHS, CD & DVD), and 6,000 other book, software, and media items lets you find up-to-date information. There are over 8,000 links to full online content to help you get what you need, right now! Use "Visual Search" option to find quick links to order AV materials for OSHA annual training, watch video mini-tutorials on using different Internet services, and check out "What's New" lists.

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<http://www.dhses.ny.gov/ofpc/links/> (under "Link to Useful Internet Sites") OR send a request to [OFPC.Library@dhses.ny.gov](mailto:OFPC.Library@dhses.ny.gov)

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