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**Observe Fire Safety Month;
Access Free Educational Fire Prevention Materials**

CLEVELAND, Ohio – October is National Fire Prevention Month! The Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association, a more than 60-year old trade association with a mission to save lives and protect property, is celebrating the event by offering free, fire safety planning and preparedness educational materials. These materials provide an economical way for businesses, employees and the general public to learn about best practices in the event of a fire emergency.

Now featuring a comprehensive educational materials section, the association's Web site, www.femalifesafety.org, includes up-to-date fire safety tools and information for commercial, residential facilities and general public audiences. Materials range from interactive training sites for portable fire extinguishers, standpipe rack hose and automated suppression systems to fire protection plans and an interactive safety quiz.

"Currently, many businesses are experiencing budget crunches and have to make tough cost-cutting decisions – but safety should not be compromised," said Jim Widmer, association president. "With our new educational tools section, businesses can direct their employees to our Web site to access quick, hands-on – and free – fire equipment training and safety guides."

Materials can be downloaded from the association's Web site free-of-charge, or ordered from the association in bulk quantities for a nominal printing fee.

The Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association emphasizes that National Fire Prevention Month serves as an annual reminder for businesses, from commercial to residential facilities, as well as the general public to reevaluate their fire safety plans and equipment, cautioning against complacency.

The association suggests that each October businesses take time to evaluate their fire protection plans, assess the building for fire hazards, check to ensure fire equipment is in proper working condition and train staff to be prepared in the event of a fire emergency.

Along with evacuation practices, equipment training is a critical component of fire preparedness. For training information and interactive programs, visit www.femalifesafety.org, or go directly to www.fireextinguisher.com, www.rackhosetraining.com and www.firesystemstraining.org.

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About the Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association

The Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association is a more than 60 year-old non-profit trade association dedicated to saving lives and protecting property through balanced fire protection education. For additional information, including videos, interactive quizzes and training Web sites about fire safety and protection, visit www.femalifesafety.org or call 216-241-7333.

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