

Fire Safety Education

The development of a culture of fire safety at UNC-Chapel Hill is critical to a safe environment. Education is one of the most important aspects of developing that culture, and extensive training and education is an annual part of the fire safety program. The following is a partial list of the Fire Safety Section's education and training efforts over the past three calendar years:

- Between 2011 and 2013, published four issues of the Safety First/Safe Passages newsletter, available online at <http://ehs.unc.edu/fire/general.shtml#newsletter>.
- Participated in annual Fall Festival on South Road, providing a safe environment, answering fire safety questions, and ensuring compliance with the NC State Fire Code. (11, 13)
- In conjunction with CHFD and DPS, held annual Fire Safety Fair. (11, 12, 13)
- With DPS, held annual Safetober (fire safety fair) to improve student awareness and skills of emergency response. (11, 12, 13)
- Facilitated monthly training sessions for the EHS Emergency Response Team, collaborating their knowledge and reviewing incidents to improve effectiveness of hazardous materials incident response. (11, 12, 13)
- Trained EHS fire safety personnel responsible for inspecting laboratories, providing new tools for identifying and correcting fire safety deficiencies. (11, 12, 13)
- Conducted fire drills at four campus libraries, Graham Student Union, Campus Health Services, Frank Porter Graham Child Development Center, and Van Hecke-Wettach Law School. (11, 12, 13)
- Trained 1,830 students, staff and faculty in proper use of fire extinguishers, using live fire and PowerPoint presentations including videos developed by students. (11)
- Collaborated with Housing and Urban Residential Education to create a podcast for training of Resident Advisors on fire safety. (11)
- Created a microwave Safe-T-sensor magnet poster for the top of all student residence microwaves, in order to reduce microwave misuse. (11)
- Conducted over 20 Life Safety Meetings with a variety of UNC personnel, focusing on fire hazards, egress, and evacuation protocol. (11)
- Provided ThermoFisher TruDefender instrumental-specific training for the HazMat team. (11)
- Completed installation of Safe-T-elements residence halls with funding from a second FEMA grant. Provided eight monthly training sessions for EHS emergency response team, improving their knowledge effectiveness. (11)
- With Chemical Safety staff, designed and implemented hands on-drill for use of the TruDefender in the event of a spill. (11)
- Trained 2,030 student, faculty and staff in fire extinguisher use, with live fire, PowerPoint and student developed videos. (12)
- Developed progressive six-minute kitchen safety video using student actors, and trained 300 Resident Advisors. (12)
- Held the annual fire safety fair in collaboration with UNC Public Safety, Chapel Hill Fire Department and Orange Rescue Squad to develop on-going fire safety relationships with students. (12)
- Provided firefighting presentation slide for Department of Housing and Residential Education television screens in all residence halls. (12)
- Conducted more than 15 life safety meetings with multiple UNC departments focusing on eliminating fire hazards, improving egress, and meeting evacuation protocols. (12)
- Implemented Granville Tower Safetober fair in collaboration with Carmichael Resident Hall, Orange County EMS, UNC DPS, Chapel Hill Fire Department, NC Forestry and other departments to reach students with fire safety message. (12)

