



Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute
University of Maryland, College Park
Professional Development for Instructors
December 6, 2008
Agenda
MFRI Headquarters Building, College Park

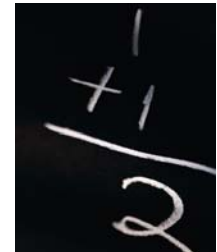


- 7:00 a.m.** **Registration:** *Main entrance. Refreshments, Classroom 6*
- 7:00 a.m.** **Photo IDs:** New MFRI instructors may have IDs taken until 9:00 a.m., *Classroom 6*
- 7:30 a.m.** **Chesapeake Society Meeting** (annual dues, \$5.00); all welcome, *Classroom 1*
- 8:00 a.m.** **Welcome,** Steven T. Edwards, Director, *Classroom 1*
- 8:45 a.m.** **Break**
- 9:00 a.m.** **Leading and Teaching Across Generations and Cultures,** *Classroom 1*
Stefan Sanders, Sanders Communications

In today's challenging work environment, MFRI leaders and instructors face a more diverse landscape than their predecessors just a decade ago. This session will address some of the challenges and opportunities created by diversity. Participants will discuss leadership concerns of a multi-generational team. In addition, they will review key concepts of diversity management. At the conclusion of this program attendees should be able to:

- Identify and explain common characteristics of four generational groups
- Assess the challenges and opportunities of a diverse work and classroom environment
- Recognize and avoid common mistakes made by leaders in a diverse environment
- Identify and process best diversity practices of leaders and instructors

12:00 noon **Lunch,** *Classroom 6*



1:00 p.m. **Instructional Leadership,** *Classroom 1*
Ron Bowser, Instructor-Trainer, Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute

What does it take to be a leader in the classroom? What skills are required to motivate and inspire our students? How do you influence student attitudes? This program will look at various aspects of leadership and provide strategies to help you improve your leadership skills and classroom effectiveness.

1:00 p.m. **Academic Integrity – How to ensure a passing grade means adequate knowledge**
Classroom 3
Lawrence Preston, Manager, Logistical Support Section, MFRI

Research has shown that cheating regularly occurs during testing in secondary schools as well as in institutions of higher education. It would be naïve to believe that some students attending courses at the Institute would not be tempted to cheat. This seminar examines the academic dishonesty phenomenon, defines what constitutes cheating, explores the psychology behind cheating and provides practical prevention tips.

1:00 p.m. **Safety in Fire Training,** *Classroom 2*
Michael Robinson, Division Chief, Fire-Rescue Academy, Baltimore County Fire Dept.

An in depth look at the safety issues that occur when conducting live fire training exercises. Discussion from the pre-planning with weather conditions to the fire behavior inside the structure and air management. Topics will include: Live burns, fire behavior in burn buildings, crew accountability, safety officer responsibilities for training, weather issues/monitoring, hydration and rehab, a review of NFPA 1403, PPE and inspection, and air management.

4:00 p.m. **Adjourn.** Pick up course completion cards at the registration desk. *Main entrance*

Professional Development for Instructors Registration

**Yes! I plan to attend the MFRI Instructor Professional Development Seminar
Saturday, December 6, 2008**

This seminar satisfies six hours of MICRB and MFRI requirements for continuing education credit in educational methodology for instructor recertification. Instructors must complete 12 hours of continuing education and 60 hours of teaching in a three-year period.

MFRI programs require advance registration. In addition, we must plan for and order lunch.
Please register by 3:00 p.m. November 30, 2008

Online Registration: www.mfri.org/seminars

- **Use the online registration system to register for PDI**
- **Choose an afternoon session to attend**
 - **Use the "Affiliation" field to list your choices in order of preference**
 - **Attendees will be placed in the order they are received, so register early**

For further information on other professional development programs, contact your regional office

Or

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For on-line PDI programs, visit

www.mfri.org/zone

If you do not yet have access to the MFRI Instructor Zone, send an e-mail to zone@mfri.org with your preferred **username**, your **full name**, and your **regional affiliation**.