

National Fire Academy Approved Trainings for Juvenile Firesetting Intervention Specialist Level I and II

One of the most significant advancements in youth firesetting intervention since the mid 1970s when the first interview/screening forms were developed has been the training course established by the National Fire Academy. This course followed the development of the professional standard for youth firesetting intervention developed by the National Fire Protection Association.

NFPA Standard 1035, Public Fire & Life Safety Educator, has a standard within it for Juvenile Firesetting Intervention Specialist Level I and Level II. This finally brought practitioners across the United States together under a long needed recommended standard for those performing intervention services (Level I) and those managing programs (Level II). When the NFA established a credible course and cadre of training instructors, the training demand for their courses went through the roof.

Below is the report from the NFA on course delivery since it began. The need remains strong since the turnover in the field is relatively frequent. A deep gratitude needs to be extended to the NFPA 1035 Committee for their hard work establishing the standard and for the U.S. Fire Administration for coordinating the development of the course. Many professionals across the country have participated in this process and continue to evolve the programs for the future.

Level I		
Year	# of Courses	# of Participants
2002	2	95
2003	10	203
2004	5	123
2005	32	833
2006	28	616
2007 (end of January)	3	86
Total	90	1956
Level II		
2002	0	0
2003	3	70
2004	1	39
2005	12	251
2006	15	318
2007 (end of January)	1	28
Total	32	706

For more information on training programs for JFIS Level I or II, contact SOS FIRES.