

You are cordially invited to participate in the “Future of Fire Information” Workshop at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in Gaithersburg, MD on May 11, 2010.

A broad diversity of organizations are actively engaged in reducing the societal impact of fire, including researchers, engineers, industry, academics, codes and standards developing organizations, and the fire service. New technologies are expanding opportunities to both access and share fire information, which may be beyond the reach of traditional sources. Therefore, it is important to engage a representative group of stakeholders in a dialogue to explore how to maximize the information resources across the greater fire community.

The objectives of the meeting are to:

- propose and discuss a vision for a community-based fire information resource,
- discuss sources and contributors of information,
- secure commitment from participants to contribute, and
- identify possible technical and non-technical barriers to success and how they could be addressed

A preliminary agenda is given below. The Workshop will start at 9am and take place in Building 224/Room B245. We sincerely hope that you will be able to join us for this interactive discussion.

Please RSVP to Barbara Faverty (301) 975-2585 or barbara.faverty@nist.gov by April 10, 2010. Note that all visitors must register with NIST. If you are not a U.S. citizen, registration paperwork must be completed by April 11, 2010. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me or Barbara at any time.

Sincerely,

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May 11 Tentative Agenda

Time	Action Item
9:00 am	Welcome, Overview, Objectives
9:15 am	Self-Introductions
9:30 am	Overview of NIST Digital Preservation Commitment
9:45 am	Overview of NIST's Disaster Database
10:00 am	Overview of NIST's Current and Future FRIS
10:30 am	Break
10:50 am	Example of a Working Repository
11:30 am	Discussion of Repository Name and Scope
Noon	Lunch
1:00 pm	Repository Discussion
	Business Plan
	Participants
3:00 pm	Break
3:20 pm	Implementation Discussion
	Peer Review
	Metrics for Impact
4:30	Summary and Action Items
5:00	Adjourn