



**\*\*\*IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ADMITTANCE TO NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY**

**NEW DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY REQUIREMENTS IMPACT SC RESIDENTS\*\*\***

The REAL ID Act, passed by Congress in 2005 to establish minimum security standards for state-issued IDs, is now in effect and required by Department of Homeland Security. In reference to the REAL ID Act and planning for your State Weekend in 2017, I am writing to give you a heads up that beginning June 1, 2017, students from your state **will need to present another form of ID other than a state issued driver's license / identification card for access to the National Emergency Training Center campus.**

Other forms of identification include a valid Federal PIV (Personal Identity Verification) card, **military ID (active, retired, reserve, dependent, civilian employee), U.S. passport, U.S. passport card, or Transportation Worker's Identification Card (TWIC).** Individual criminal background (NCIC) checks can be performed, but will require submission of personally identifiable information from the state who would be responsible for collecting and transmitting that information. **Possessing a U.S. passport would eliminate the need for repeat NCIC checks upon each visit to campus.**

**Without an approved form of ID, there will not be any access to the campus for students, instructors, or state representatives.**

Here is a link for more information on the REAL ID Act: <https://www.dhs.gov/real-id-enforcement-brief>