

To: EPCC members

From: Tom Hofheinz, FSA Degree Program Coordinator

Re: Submission of new course request for FSA 419 “Advanced Legal Aspects of Fire Protection”

Hi, everyone.

FSA 419 is an established component of the advanced FSA institute curriculum, a set of fourth-year offerings that complement the third-year core of institute courses. It has never gone through EPCC before, because it has traditionally been offered through Western Oregon University, EOU’s FSA consortium partner, due to faculty availability.

FSA 419’s number designates it as a follow-up to FSA 319 “Legal Aspects of Fire Protection,” a core degree requirement that provides a more basic survey of fire services and the law. FSA 419 goes into greater depth into the subject matter than does FSA 319.

The course has now been developed as an EOU offering by Les Balsiger, J.D., who will instruct it once or twice a year online, and in an on-site format as needed. Mr. Balsiger’s work fully encompasses and exceeds the minimal objectives and outcomes set down for the course by the FSA consortium.

EOU’s FSA Degree Program is now completely online and ready to be marketed and promoted nationally for those seeking the degree at a distance, from out of state. The capstone for the FSA degree is the completion of one advanced institute, and FSA 419 is an invaluable addition to EOU’s growing suite of advanced institute course offerings available online.