



## FireNetOnline Update

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FNO Members,

Hope you are well and here's what's going on:

### I. New Members:

Over the past month we gained nearly 20 new members. As follows:

1. gouge, Tulsa Ok USA
2. hoogenstyn, El Cajon Ca
3. Pagels, Green Bay, WI
4. bietenbach, Canton, Ohio
5. williams, Gulfport
6. taulbee, Fort Irwin, CA USA
7. dlugos, Johnson City, TN
8. croxford, Sierra Vista, Ariz.
9. thomason, Manalapan NJ
10. beauchamp
11. matlick
12. ingle,
13. peltier, Waukesha, WI
14. shrewsbury,
15. young, Tampa, FL
16. myers, Medina, Ohio
17. polanco, Aguadilla/Puerto Rico/USA
18. seth, wichita ks US
19. lindstrom, Orange, CA USA

### II. Moderators

We're in need of moderators who would like to organize and lead their own forum. Currently we have 25 forums contained within five categories. We have nine moderators plus myself, covering 20 of the 25. The forums that are open include the following and we can list up to two individuals per forum in select cases:

- Chit Chat

- FireNetOnline Library
- Firefighters
- IBC/IRC/IFC by ICC
- Code Violations

Some of the current moderated forums have only one moderator. We can list up to two on select forums, so the list of open single moderator forums is as follows:

- About FireNetOnline (Public Access)
- Advertisers Forum
- Buy-Sell-Trade
- The Poll Forum
- Member Announcement Section
- Business Administration
- False Alarms
- Special Hazards
- Fire Safety
- Code-Compliant Healthcare
- NFPA 72
- NFPA 70
- NFPA 101
- NICET
- Security Systems
- Inspector's Technology Forum

So when do we list two moderators for a single forum? There are several situations that might warrant this action. First, if the primary moderator consents when another member requests the number two moderator spot. The second situation that might warrant this action is when the primary moderator is not fulfilling his or her duties.



### III. Creating New Forums

Personally, I would like to see anyone and everyone who would like to be a moderator become one. If you have an idea for a helpful, informative forum, send it along for consideration. I believe that we have enough forums to date, but if your suggestion is compelling and appropriate, we would certainly give it all the consideration it deserves.

To contact me, you can send me your suggestion using PM (private mail) or EM (E-Mail) using FireNetOnline's own e-mail system. To do this, go to <http://www.tpromo.com/fire-bbs/profile.php?mode=viewprofile&u=2> and click on either one (see IV below for more details on how to use FNO Mail).

### IV. Enhanced Electronic Mail System

At some point it was decided to eliminate the use of Internet E-Mail addresses on the FireNetOnline BBS. That decision was made due to the presence of spammers. In it's place we instituted an enhanced e-mail system that enables you to send electronic mail using our internal PM system or a special EM feature that allows you to send Internet E-Mail without exposing a member's address.

To use this mail system, click on the user's username. This will bring up their profile. You will see two mail buttons on the left side, one for private mail  and one for email . Either way you will reach your target, but keep in mind that unless the selected member logs on, he or she will not receive FNO PM posts. If you want to ensure that they receive your post, send it by FNO email.

#### V. Buy-Sell-Trade Forum

One of the best hidden secrets of FNO is the Buy-Sell-Trade forum, listed in the public access section of the BBS. If you have something to sell or trade, or if you're looking for something in particular, this is a good way to get the word out, not only to FNO members, but to the general public as well.

All of the forums within the Public Access section remain visible to the general public at all times. At this time all of the primary forums are available for public viewing. In order to post or respond to a post on a forum, however, you have to log in. The moderator for this forum is Ken Oberst with Integrated Protection Services of Mason, Ohio.

#### VI. Advertisers Forum

Recently we opened the Advertisers Forum for FNO members who wish to advertise their wares, services, or both. So far we have a handful of advertisements for your reading enjoyment. Because this forum is part of the Public Access section, it will always be on top whether viewers are FNO members or not.

If you have a product or service to sell, publish your advertisement in the Advertisers Forum. If you need help in composing an ad, let us know and we'll lend a hand. To get help with this, click on my username (colombo) and click on the PM or Email links.

#### VII. Free Tpromo Advertising and Promotional Tool

Another great way to publish your advertisements or press releases is the e-CommKiosk publishing website ([www.e-commkiosk.com](http://www.e-commkiosk.com)). Publicists and company public relations folks are welcome to register—it's absolutely free.

For more information on e-CommKiosk, go to: [www.tpromo.com/secmis-priv2/?page\\_id=1881](http://www.tpromo.com/secmis-priv2/?page_id=1881). The e-CommKiosk, just as FireNetOnline, are products of Thunder Promotions (Tpromo) of East Canton, Ohio. Tpromo offers affordable web design and hosting solutions for businesses, Institutions, and Individuals in support of products, people, and ideas. Need a website – get a website from Tpromo.com.

#### VIII. Chat Nights Return

Some FNO members have asked about the prospect of having a chat night. We believe that this is a great idea, but we need participants who are willing to attend. We also need an agenda for the primary discussion with the customary free-for-all afterward.

I'm willing to give this the good old college try if some of you are. An agenda will soon be e-mailed to you along with the date and time that chat will be held.

#### IX. Security Central Sponsorship

Recently Security Central notified us that they intend to re-up their yearly sponsorship. Security Central provides third-party central station services to professional alarm companies that resell their monitoring and other services.

For more information on Security Central services, go to: <http://tpromo.com/fire-bbs/viewtopic.php?t=1157>, or their main website at: [www.security-central.com](http://www.security-central.com).



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#### X. In Closing

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for being part of FireNetOnline. Please tell your fellow employees about us as well as end users on the corporate and institutional sides of the fence. Soon we will unveil a new website that should be of enormous interest to both professionals in the life safety field and their clients on the user side. Stay tuned for more on that, and in the mean time...

See you on the BBS!

Regards,

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