



# NORTH AMERICAN FIRE TRAINING

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**Microsoft and the North American Fire Training Directors proudly collaborate to host learning opportunity, “Dyslexia and Fire Service; Technology Tools to Ensure Accessibility and Success.”  
May 26th 11:00 A.M. EST**

North American Fire Training Directors (NAFTD) is collaborating with Microsoft to deliver: “Dyslexia and Fire Service; Tools and Techniques to Ensure Accessibility and Success”, a webinar discussing navigating education with dyslexia and practices to empower individuals with dyslexia to achieve more in their career.

Through panel discussion and demonstration, this webinar will explore current practices on ensuring individuals with dyslexia are provided accessible content to personalize their learning experience and achieve success during fire service training and education. Speakers include:

- Ken Willette, NAFTD Executive Director
- Rachel Berger, Director of Decoding Dyslexia MN, individual with Dyslexia and Microsoft Disability Tech Specialist will demonstrate free and accessible Microsoft technology tools available to individuals with dyslexia.
- Ms. Natalie Parkinson of the Shropshire UK Fire Rescue Service, recipient of 2019 British Dyslexia Association Organization Award.
- Dr. Burton A. Clark, EFO, a globally recognized fire service education and training leader and individual with dyslexia.

"NAFTD recognizes that up to 20% of the population struggles with dyslexia. As a trainer of over 900,00 firefighters annually, it's critical State and Provincial Training Directors ensure the success of all learners who attend fire service training. We are proud to collaborate with Microsoft on this initiative." John Cunningham, Executive Director of the Nova Scotia Fire School and NAFTD President. "Microsoft is committed to empower every person on the planet to achieve more and shares this with the NAFTD's commitment to its members. Microsoft learning tools break down barriers commonly experienced navigating dyslexia in educational environments and the workplace to turn disability into ability. As an individual with dyslexia and parent of, I'm proud to take part in these partnerships to support and build more inclusive communities." Rachel Berger, Microsoft.

To register for this event visit: <https://fireservicedyslexia.eventbrite.com>

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