



Safety & Environment Moment (S&E Moment)

Script 06 – Ghana National Fire Service (GNFS)

Good morning and welcome to the S&E Moment. Today we are discussing the role of Ghana National Fire Service (GNFS) as a complementary Institution/Service to the work of DFI and EPA.

The Ghana National Fire Service (GNFS) which is under the Ministry of Interior is the government agency responsible for preventing and managing undesired fires. Similar to DFI and EPA, GNFS has regional and district offices across the country.

The Service works closely with DFI and EPA in executing its mandate of preventing and managing undesired fires which includes:

- Organizing programs to create and sustain awareness on fire hazards
- Providing technical advice for building plans with respect to layouts that will facilitate escape from fire rescue operations
- Organizing and training of fire volunteers at the community level
- Offering rescue and evacuation services to those trapped by fire and other emergency situations among other mandates.

Other duties of the Service include ensuring that, all workplaces have in place appropriate fire protection measures as well as Fire Certificates covering their facilities. Businesses are advised not regard this as mere legal compliance, but a measure or means to proactively instituting measures to safeguard their facilities and properties against fire. Please visit a fire service station near you for further information on fire requirements.

In executing these mandates, the Service ensures that businesses institute the right fire safety measures and also apply for Fire Permits Certificates for their buildings.

Remember to stay safe from COVID-19, and also visit the Ghana Health Service COVID-19 website for further information.

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Have a great day, bye.