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The Washington State Association of Fire Marshals is an organization comprised of seven divisions working on: National Codes, State Codes, Legislative Issues, Professional Development, Communications, Fire Prevention Institute, and Fire Investigation.

WSAFM Vision and Mission Statement

Vision

To be a recognized leader and partner in fire prevention and community risk reduction.

Mission Statement

To provide leadership and professional development opportunities for our members and associates through communication, education, legislation, and code development.

WSAFM President's Report – Tom Maloney

Welcome to the spring and it is hard to believe that we are already closing in on May, which means time for summer fun. I would like to say that your Association is continuing to react fast to all the legislative changes and thank you for helping us to be successful this past year.

We continue to monitor the possible State FMO reorganization. We know that this will change, and we will keep you posted on what is needed to support you in your role as a fire prevention member.

I would like to take the time to thank WABO for helping us and supporting us in our efforts for the State Building Codes Council and legislation. Also, look for more partnership activities with WABO such as legislative committee work and training.

Please be on the lookout for the FPI schedule as we are just about to roll it out for October and this year plans to be better than the last. We have another great line-up of speakers which will give you a great opportunity for greater success.

We continue to try to give you training that will meet your needs if you have any training needs, please contact us so we can help you get the training. If you have that need so will others and we want to make sure we are meeting your needs.

Lastly, our weekly updates are continuing, and we hope you find them useful. If you have anything to share or need a question answered, please send it to us. Also, we are offering a free job posting board as well. Please use the association email: wasfm@wasfm.com so we can help.

Please check out the article on credentialing too and if you have any questions, please let us know as this is great opportunity!

Enjoy the spring flowers and let's get ready for a great summer!

See you in October,

Tom



Elections & Awards - Jon Dunaway

2024 WSAFM Board Elections

As we do every year, several Director positions for the Association are up for re-election at the Fire Prevention Institute (FPI) in October.

Being a Director for the Association puts you in a unique position to help steer our annual work plan, adjust priorities, and provide input on a host of other initiatives. It also allows you to see how community risk reduction happens across the state and how our efforts intermingle with other organizations. Directors regularly interact with other departments and associations, allowing you to make important connections and expand your network. And of course, it is very rewarding to be involved at this level and see how WSAFM's involvement on many fronts makes a difference for our members and those we serve.

Directors have several roles and responsibilities as they represent the membership of the Association. Some of those include coordinate and facilitate the accomplishment of the Association's work plan and other business; attend Board and other meetings; liaison between the Association, its members and allied groups and organizations; and generally, perform duties as needed to support the Association's mission and goals. Directors may be assigned chair, support, or other capacities in committees or work groups established in standing or ad-hoc capacities to meet the needs of the Association and will be assigned functions by the President to ensure the vision and mission of the Association are met.

These positions are for two-year terms.

Per our bylaws, WSAFM requires that at least 60 days prior to the Fire Prevention Institute, the Elections Committee shall solicit or make nominations to fill expiring or appointed officer and director positions from the current voting membership. Members wishing to be nominated for a position must provide proof of membership, a letter of support from their employer, and a statement of intent for consideration. These documents can be sent to the Elections Committee Chair via e-mail to: jon.dunaway@ci.longview.wa.us or via USPS to: Jon Dunaway, Elections Committee, 740 Commerce Avenue, Longview, WA 98632. Within 30 days of the FPI, the committee will verify all nominees' eligibility for office and publish the names and statements of intent to the membership.

Nominations and other required documentation must be received no later than 2359 hours on September 13, 2024. Anyone interested in becoming a director can reach out to any member of the WSAFM Board to ask questions. Contact information can be found on our web page at WSAFM.com.



2024 WSAFM Award Nominations

The Washington State Fire Prevention Institute (FPI) is just around the corner and October will be here before we know it. As you may know, at each FPI we strive to recognize the outstanding work that is being done in our state related to fire prevention / community risk reduction and the people who make that happen.

There are two awards presented each year: Fire Marshal of the Year and WSAFM Member of the Year. These awards are intended to recognize the outstanding contributions of a WSAFM member and are presented to any member of the Association that exemplifies the vision and goals of our Association.

As a reminder, a person does not have to have the title 'Fire Marshal' to be considered for these awards. WSAFM considers any person doing this body of work eligible.

The form and instructions for nominating a member may be downloaded: [2024 Award Nomination Form](#) The form must be turned in no later than 11:59p.m. hours on September 13th, 2024. Please direct any questions to me via e-mail

at jon.dunaway@ci.longview.wa.us or call (360) 442-5538.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at another great FPI at Lake Chelan in October!



Topics of Interest

What is Credentialing – Grant Tinker

What is credentialing?

Professional credentialing is a process that verifies the qualifications and competencies of professionals in the firefighting and EMS field, ensuring they meet established standards of knowledge, skills, and experience. The Commission on Professional Credentialing (CPC) is a recognized organization that provides credentialing services to individuals in a wide range of positions.

The CPC's goal is to promote and enhance the quality of professional services by establishing standards for knowledge, skills, and experience. The CPC designation process includes an application portfolio and oral interview that assess an individual's mastery of their respective field and position.

The CPC currently has designations in the following categories:

- Fire Officer (FO) – acting officers are eligible (12 months of acting time minimum)
- Public Information Officer (PIO)
- Chief EMS Officer (CEMSO)
- Chief Training Officer (CTO)
- Fire Marshal (FM)
- Chief Fire Officer (CFO)

Who does the credentialing?

The Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) and the Commission on Professional Credentialing (CPC) serve different functions in the fire and emergency services community. Both the CFAI and CPC branches fall under the CPSE (Center for Public Safety Excellence). The CPSE is a non-profit organization that provides leadership and support to the fire and emergency services community, with a mission to improve public safety by promoting excellence in fire and emergency services.

The CFAI is an organization that accredits fire departments, providing a comprehensive assessment of the department's operations and services to ensure they meet established standards of performance and quality. Accreditation by the CFAI is a recognition of the department's commitment to excellence and ability to provide the highest service to its community.

On the other hand, the CPC provides professional credentialing/designation services to individuals in the fire and emergency services (think of it as an individual accreditation). The CPC offers certification programs for acting officers, fire officers, fire chiefs, and other related positions, ensuring that individuals meet established standards of knowledge, skills, and experience. By holding a CPC credential, individuals demonstrate mastery of their respective fields and commitment to professional development.

What is the process for becoming a designated officer?

The CPC certification process is rigorous, ensuring that individuals with a CPC credential have the necessary knowledge, skills, and experience to perform their job duties competently and ethically. This helps to ensure that fire and emergency services are performed with the highest level of professionalism and competence, providing the public with the highest level of protection and safety.

The application is thorough and detailed, capturing your past experience, education, professional development, professional contributions, professional memberships, and community involvement. Additionally, there may be up to 20 Technical Competency sections to complete, depending on which designation you are applying for.

Gathering past classes and dates can be challenging if you have not kept good records throughout your career of courses and certifications. Inputting the information required in the electronic application accounts for the bulk of the work of the process. Once all portions of the application portfolio are complete, you submit the application to the CPC Manager. From there, the CPC Manager assigns up to two peer reviewers to read and review your application portfolio. An interview is scheduled, and you will conduct the interview with your peer reviewer(s) over the phone. The interview can take anywhere from 30 to 90 minutes. Once the interview is complete, the peer reviewers will submit the application to the Commission for approval or denial.

The application portfolio is time-consuming, but it is critical to ensure that the application is as comprehensive and polished as possible.

Why is credentialing important? What does it do for me?

The importance of professional credentialing through the CPC lies in its ability to raise the standards of professionalism and promote public protection. The CPC certification process ensures that professionals meet established standards for knowledge, skills, and experience, assuring employers that individuals with the CPC credential are competent and qualified to perform their jobs.

Additionally, having a CPC credential can provide many benefits to individuals. For example, it can provide career advancement opportunities and demonstrate a commitment to professional development. A CPC credential can also give individuals a competitive edge when seeking promotion and employment, as many employers prefer to hire certified professionals.

Moreover, the CPC promotes ethical behavior and best practices in the various professional fields it serves. The CPC sets strict ethical standards for its credentialed professionals, which helps maintain public trust and confidence in their services.

Final note

In conclusion, professional credentialing through the CPC is an important process that verifies the qualifications and competencies of professionals, ensuring they meet established standards of knowledge, skills, and experience. The CPC helps to raise the standards of professionalism, promote public protection, and demonstrate a commitment to professional development. By holding a CPC credential, individuals can enjoy many benefits, including opportunities for career advancement and promotion of ethical behavior in their respective fields.

For more information:

<http://www.cpse.org/credentialing>



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International



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About Grant:

Grant Tinker is a captain with the Colorado Springs Fire Department in Colorado, an accredited agency through the Commission on Fire accreditation International (CFAI). Captain Tinker has been with the department for more than fifteen years, working his way through the ranks to Captain in 2020.

Captain Tinker has a bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of Northern Colorado and is a graduate of the National Fire Academy’s Managing Officer Program. Tinker has been honored with several awards and recognition including being named Firefighter of the Year in 2019.

He earned his Fire Officer (FO) Designation in February 2015.



Arson Alarm Foundation

On average, over 50,000 arson fires are reported annually, causing hundreds of deaths and massive amounts of property damage; Washington state alone has seen \$13,734,000 worth of damages since the year 2000.

Standing against this threat is the Arson Alarm Foundation, a non-profit corporation dedicated to combating the crime of arson in Washington state through inter-disciplinary cooperation and public awareness.

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In 1977, amidst a decade marked by an increase in arson cases, a concerned group of private citizens, insurance industry professionals, and members of the fire service conceived a campaign to raise awareness of the life and economic consequences of arson fires. Thus, the Arson Alarm Foundation (AAF) was born.

The AAF was officially introduced to spearhead a multimedia public service advertising campaign, complete with a 24/7 telephone hotline.

Television, radio, and newspaper adverts, outdoor billboards, and bus signage were quickly developed and disseminated throughout the state, showcasing slogans like “Put the heat on arson” and “Arrest arson”. At one point, AAF mottos graced the sides of Safeway shopping bags.

In addition to ongoing media efforts, an award program developed in coordination with the Washington Insurance Council, offering monetary incentives to individuals providing information about arson incidents. Since 2000, AAF has awarded \$101,500 to vigilant citizens.

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To this day, the AAF remains committed to its mission, empowering citizens to contribute valuable information to the fire service and law enforcement.

Insurance and fire investigators utilize a variety of tools during their investigations; one of the most effective tools are credible tips from reliable sources, supplied directly to the investigating agency. You can nominate someone for an award by visiting the AAF website and filling out the “Nominate a Hero” form.

Through collective effort, we can stave off the potential impacts of arson, preventing incidents and aiding in the successful prosecution of arsonists.

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The AAF maintains a \$10,000 annual award fund and operates a toll-free arson hotline (1-800-55-ARSON) for tips regarding arson fires in Washington.

Additionally, the AAF provides several resources to fire departments: collected witness reports, localized advertising, and informational business cards and posters (available in both English and Spanish). Fire departments can request advertising assistance, business cards, and posters by contacting the AAF.

Learn more about the AAF by visiting their website: www.arsonalarm.org

\$10,000 Award Fund

IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THIS FIRE IS

ARSON

If you have any information regarding this fire, please call:

1-800-55-ARSON

Or Contact _____

Presented by the Arson Alarm Foundation, Northwest Insurance Council and WSRB
17701 108th Ave SE, #201 • Renton WA 98055-6448
(206) 624-3330 • 1-800-664-4942
For more information, visit arsonalarm.org



Congratulations Todd



At the 10th Annual Fire Symposium, SILSA recognized Redmond Fire Marshall, Todd Short, for the contributions he made by fostering communication and collaboration between fire Marshalls and plan reviewers and the fire alarm industry.



Congressional Fire Service Institute WSAFM Represented by: Dave Kokot

The Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) is held annually in Washington, DC. Two WSAFM Board members participated in the CFSI this year from April 29-30th. Karen Grove (Seattle Fire) was with the Washington Metro Chiefs and Dave Kokot (Spokane Fire) was with the Washington Fire Chiefs. During this time, contingents of fire service representatives from across the country met with their State Legislators and Senators. The meetings are usually limited to 20 minutes and may be with the legislator or with staff.

The primary subjects that were brought by both groups included protecting the FIRE and SAFER grants, improving funding for the US Fire Administration (USFA) and the National Fire Academy (NFA), generating support for Federal Standards for Lithium-Ion batteries and micromobility devices, continuing the National Firefighter cancer registry, wildland urban interface fires, and fire sprinklers. As it happens, the weather was very hot (90 degrees on the 29th and 86 degrees on the 30), which made it a challenge for the participants as we traveled from one building to another.

Of specific note, our meeting with Senator Maria Cantwell was a combined group meeting and lasted over 2 hours. This was mostly due to the meeting being scheduled when she was due to be done with the daily session, but voting took longer. This allowed for a spirited discussion of the issues with staff before she could attend. Once she arrived, the discussion continued and included concerns about opioid abuse.

It is a quick 2 days of meetings and getting from one meeting to the other with scheduling being changed on the fly. Both groups had a coordinator this year so that the presenters did not have to worry about getting to the meeting locations (which can be confusing), just making their presentation. It was a very positive experience and allowed us to present our concerns to a national level. WSAFM is committed to continue to participate.



Combined group meeting with Sen. Maria Cantwell



Membership

Thank you to all WSAFM members!

Your support allows the Association the ability to actively pursue our mission of providing leadership and professional development opportunities for our members through communication, education, legislation, and code development.

If you or someone you know is not a member, please consider joining WSAFM today. Membership benefits include monthly training webinars, discounts on events including the Fire Prevention Institute (FPI) and the WSAFM newsletter. Go to www.wsafm.com for more information on how to join and member benefits.

If there are any membership questions, please contact Membership Committee Chair Robert Ferrell at robert.ferrell@wsrb.com or 509-228-8062.



2024 Fire Prevention Institute – Tom Maloney

With our partners at the Washington State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO), the Washington Fire Chiefs, the Washington Public Fire Educators, Washington State Chapter of IAAI, and other fire service associations. The goal is always to deliver training to fire agencies that utilizes the principle and practices of CRR as we engage and educate local communities.

The Fire Investigation track continued to provide some exceptional education from exceptional presenters. This track is never falling short in providing great programs. We are greatly appreciative of our partnership with Washington IAAI as they continue to make things happen.

We have already addressed the challenges that occurred, and we are in the process to better serve you as well. We will continue to embrace the dynamic environment we operate within.

**2024 Fire Prevention Institute Announcement
October 14 - Monday through October 18 - Friday**

**2024 Fire Prevention Keynote Speaker Announced
Clark Roberts**



FPI Challenge Coin Design Contest

We're now seeking design submissions for the 2024 FPI Challenge Coin!

Your design could be on the new coin, opposite the WSAFM logo. This annual contest is held in the spirit of fun and to celebrate our annual gathering at the FPI. Traditional and creative concepts are welcomed.

Criteria for submissions:

1. Encompass a fire service theme, such as history, culture, public education, or prevention.
2. Provide graphic design/image in a digital format, PDF or JPEG.
3. Submit by the required deadline.

The winner will receive one complimentary, full registration to the FPI in October (lodging, travel, and per diem are not included) and be recognized at the FPI Opening. By submitting, you give WSAFM permission to use your design for the 2024 FPI Challenge Coin without any payment or fee.

Submit your design to wsfam@wsfam.com no later May 31, 2024.



Fire Prevention Institute Scholarship

Washington State Association of Fire Marshal's is pleased to continue offering two scholarships for attendance to our annual Fire Prevention Institute. One scholarship will be sponsored by WSAFM, and the second scholarship will be sponsored by the Washington State Surveying and Rating Bureau. The scholarships are offered to support our smaller fire agencies in attending the Fire Prevention Institute and participate in the invaluable training and networking that occurs at the conference each year. If you are a member of an agency that is lacking in training funds and would like to attend the 2024 Fire Prevention Institute, consider applying for a scholarship when the application process is opened. WSAFM works hard to provide exceptional training at FPI each year. The conference has seen a significant increase in participation each year. We encourage those who are seeking training and networking opportunities to attend.

The form and instructions for submission may be downloaded: [2024 Fire Prevention Institute Scholarship Program Application](#) The form must be turned in no later than 2359 hours on August 16th, 2024. Please direct any questions to the Scholarship Committee via e-mail: TMaloney@mfdrra.org ; robert.ferrell@wsrb.com; idahl@spokanecity.org; or Lori.Burke@snoco.org.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at another great FPI at Lake Chelan in October!



Code Corner

State Building Code Council

The 2021 codes have officially taken effect. Of note: there is an Emergency Rule clarifying that Washington does not adopt the model code section regulating BBQ's.

On March 15, the Council filed an emergency rule for the 2021 International Fire Code Section 308.1.4 to make it clear that the restrictions on Open Flame Cooking Devices are not included in the state's building codes. The emergency rule is now in effect. This is the link to the emergency rule filing: https://sbcc.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2024-03/WSR_24_07_059_bbq_combined.pdf

The 2024 Group 1 code process has begun; covers IBC, IEBC, IFC, IMC & IFGC. The existing state amendments have already been reviewed; the next step relates to new code proposals.

May 24 th Council Meeting	Council approves the TAG reports and establishes a submission period for new statewide amendments.
May 25 th – July 24 th	Submission period for proposed state amendments
June 21 st Council Meeting	Council can refer proposals to the appropriate TAGs, deny proposals, or take other actions.
September 20 th Council Mtg	Council can refer proposals to the appropriate TAGs, deny proposals, or take other actions.

ICC Codes – Traci Harvey

The 2027 I-Code cycle has been completed and all proposals submitted. The 1st Committee Action Hearing was held in Orlando April 7th -16th.

This cycle the process has been revised and proposals will have a 2nd chance to be approved by the Committee. cdpAccess will open once the Report of Committee Action Hearing is posted on May 16th. The public comment process will begin again, comments must be relevant to discussion by the committee and may not substantially change the intent of the original proposal.

2024

May 16 th	cdpAccess open for comment submittals to CAH#1 actions Web posting of Report of the Committee Action Hearing #1
July 8 th	Deadline for cdpaccess online receipt of comments on CAH#1 actions
September 5 th	Web posting of Comments to CAH#1
October 23 rd -31 st	Committee Action Hearing #2
December 2 nd	Web posting of Report of the Committee Action Hearing #2

The Public Comment Hearing and Online Governmental Consensus Voting are slated for 2025. The Group B process will start when cdpAccess opens October 15, 2024.



ICC Calendar of Events Washington State Association of Fire Marshals is an ICC Chapter and as such we're here to give you the latest on what ICC is offering.

- May
 - 7th 2021 IBC Essentials (Online Live)
 - 2nd Design for Fire Resistance Using the IBC

For details and registration: [Training - ICC](#)



Upcoming Trainings: Washington State Association of Fire Marshals

Monthly Webinar Series

The Monthly Webinar Series has been an ongoing success! 2024 will see some changes. After the January webinar the schedule will change to Wednesdays at 8:30am. The 90-minute courses will still be viewable live

or later via the recording. Check the website for the full details of the 2024 lineup.

May 29	Commercial Cooking: Ventilation and Fire Control
June 26	Why Codes Matter
July 24	Carbon Monoxide
August 28	High-Piled Storage Commodity Classification
September 25	Pallet Storage
October 30	Appendix E, F, G, H of the International Fire Code
November 20	I-Code Approach to Hazardous Materials: Part I (Introduction)
December 18	I-Code Approach to Hazardous Materials: Part II (Real World Storage Rules)

If you have any questions, please Rob at RNeale1951@Outlook.com



**2021 IFC Significant Code Update Virtual Classes
Presented by Dave Kokot**

The 2021 International Fire Code went into effect on March 15, 2024 in the State of Washington. This one-day online course will cover code changes from the 2018 to the 2021 edition of the International Fire Code. In addition, a review of the latest Washington State amendments to the Fire Code will be covered. ICC Preferred Provider CEU's will be issued!

The last class date for the 2021 Code Update:

May 16, 2024

About the Presenter

Dave has over 41 years of experience in the design and review of mechanical and fire protection systems with 21 years of that working for the Spokane Fire Department. Locations of work include Edwards AFB, California; Alakanuk, Alaska; Pt Hueneme, California; and several locations in Oregon, Idaho, and Washington.

Dave can be contacted at: dkokot@wsafm.com



**Presented by:
National Fire Sprinkler Association
Fire Sprinkler System Installation Requirements**

Locations:

June 5, 2024

Spokane Valley Fire Department

2120 N Wilbur Road

Spokane Valley, Washington 99206

Contact: Traci Harvey – harveyt@spokanevalleyfire.com or 509-928-1700

January 6, 2024

Clark County Fire Marshal's Office – Public Safety Complex

505 NW 179th Street

Ridgefield, Washington 98642

Contact: Curtis Eavenson – Curtis.Eavenson@clark.wa.gov or 564-397-3320

Class Description:

There are hundreds of types of sprinklers in use today. Determining where to locate them can be a complex task. They need to be spaced properly and installed in specific locations to ensure coverage of the protected area and located far enough away from obstructions to ensure that the spray pattern can adequately develop and control or suppress a fire. The rules that govern this complex matrix of decisions are found in Chapter 8 (2016) Chapter 9 (2019-2022) of NFPA 13 on installation requirements. This fast paced and interactive course will guide the participant through series of decisions and requirements that lead to compliance with NFPA 13 and ensure the system will operate properly when needed.

Attendees must bring a copy of NFPA 13.

Cost:

WSAFM Members: \$125.00

NFSA Members: \$125.00 (email: tmaloney@mfdafa.org for the code)

Non-Members: \$200.00



Washington Fire Chief's – Calendar of Events

- May
 - 1st – 26th Fire Instructor 1
 - 20th – 23rd Washington Fire Chiefs Annual Conference
 - 21st WFC Expo
- June
 - 15th EVIP 3.0 Virtual Training
 - 17th – 21st Fire Instructor 2

For details and registration: [Event Calendar](#)



Resources

There are many resources available at little to no cost to AHJs as well as to the public.

ICC has the current (and some historical) codes available online. There are limitations to what you can do with the codes, but they serve as a suitable location for reference. These are located at:

<https://codes.iccsafe.org/public/collections/I-Codes>

In addition, the State Building Code Council provides printable insert pages for the ICC Codes of the Washington State Amendments. These can be located at:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ga/apps/sbcc/Page.aspx?nid=14>

Do you have a question on the code, or just want to be sure you have a consistent interpretation? We will be providing contacts of several members who participate in the National and State development of the Codes who can provide the information you need to make an informed code decision.