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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 dog days of summer and it is hard to believe that we are already closing in on October, which means that the [Fire Prevention Institute](#) is just a couple of months away. I would like to say that your Association reacted fast to all the legislative changes, and we were successful on many issues that affect the fire service. We need all of you to continue to be engaged with the code adoption and ensure we continue to be proactive in meeting the needs of Washington State.

Please note that we continue to monitor the State FMO discussion but know that we have not been formally asked to participate in the policy board as member or as a stakeholder. We will keep you posted on what is needed to support you in your role as a fire prevention member. The Office of the Insurance Commissioner has developed a flyer for fire victims, and I would encourage all agencies to provide them to your residents. In June we had an opportunity to attend the Chapter President's meeting at the NFPA Annual Conference. This was a good meeting to hear from other chapters within the United States and their challenges. We all have similar challenges.

We have begun preparations for the 2024 FPI and I would encourage you to submit a topic and if you are interested in presenting, please submit your proposal. WE want you to present and it is a great way to share best practices with your peers.

I would also like to ask each of you to think about obtaining your Fire Marshal Designation. This is a great way to show your dedication and hard work that you have put in to making our great state safer. If you have any questions, please contact me so I can answer them or visit the [Center of Public Safety Excellence](#) for more information.

Lastly, I hope you are enjoying our weekly updates as we are trying to help get out more information and training in a timely manner. 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.

Enjoy your summer! See you in October, Tom



Elections & Awards - Jon Dunaway

2023 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 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.

Director Position #1 – Lori Burke (Snohomish County Planning & Development Services). Lori is the incumbent in this position and is seeking reelection.

Director Position #3 – Karen Grove (Seattle Fire Department). Karen is the incumbent in this position and is seeking reelection.

Director Position #5 – Robert Ferrell (WSRB). Robert is the incumbent in this position and is seeking reelection.

Director Position #7 – Tony Doan (City of Yakima). Tony is the incumbent in this position and is seeking reelection.

Nominations and other required documentation must be received no later than 2359 hours on September 14th, 2023. Anyone interested in becoming a Director can reach out to any of the WSAFM Board to ask questions. Contact information can be found on our web page at WSAFM.com.



2023 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: [Award Nomination Form 2023](#) The form must be turned in no later than 2359 hours on September 14th, 2023. 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!



2023 WSAFM Proposed By-Laws Change

The WSAFM Board of Directors has reviewed the current Association by-laws and has voted to bring some modifications to the membership for review and potential approval.

The WSAFM Board of Directors is proposing two changes to the Association's bylaws, on which the membership is required to vote. Per Article XI of the bylaws, proposed amendments and the Board's recommendation must be published at least 30 days prior to the annual business meeting (the beginning of the Fire Prevention Institute). For consideration are the following proposed by-law amendments:

By-Law Change Proposal #1

The first amendment for consideration is to add the position of Treasurer to the Board of Directors. The Treasurer would be a position elected every two years, the same as with the rest of the Executive Board.

Reason Statement: The Board of Directors feels this position is necessary to add due to the increasing complexities of tracking the Association's revenue and expenses. Duties of the Treasurer would be defined as: "Conducts general financial oversight, financial planning and budgeting, financial reporting, oversees the banking, bookkeeping, and record keeping, reconciliation of bank records, and internal records, and controls of fixed assets and stock." The proposed modifications to the bylaws related to adding a Treasurer position can be found in Articles VI, VIII, and in Appendix B.

By-Law Change Proposal #2

The second amendment being proposed is to remove the membership dues from Appendix C and instead post them on the Association website.

Reason Statement: The Board of Directors believes that having the dues online would better serve the membership and prospective members, and that having the dues schedule in the bylaws is redundant. Additionally, the existing bylaws allow the Board to adjust dues by the cost of living for Seattle-Bremerton-Tacoma for clerical workers (CPI-W) based on June figures. Having the dues in the bylaws requires the membership to vote on a bylaw change any time the dues amount changes. This proposed bylaw modification can be found in Appendix C.

For both proposed bylaw amendments, the Board of Directors is recommending **approval**.

During the Association's business meeting, a voice vote will be held. A two-thirds majority vote is required to approve these proposals.

Follow this link ([2023 Proposed By-Law Changes](#)) to view the exact wording of these proposals.



WSAFM Food Truck Inspection Program – Karen Grove

Fire agencies are busier than ever. Each new code introduces additional requirements to enforce. One example is the new requirement for food truck inspections and permitting introduced in the 2018 Fire Code (Sections 105.6 and 319). To help create efficiencies in enforcement, WSAFM is sponsoring a statewide Food Truck Inspection program that any fire agency or Fire Marshal’s office in Washington can join. This program leverages a successful program that was piloted in the Western part of the State.

Beginning October 2023, under the new statewide food truck inspection program, fire agencies can agree to use a standard food truck inspection checklist and recognize inspections conducted by other participating jurisdictions. Local jurisdictions retain the sole right to permit and revoke food truck permits within their boundaries and to conduct additional inspections within their boundaries. Some participating jurisdictions also offer a discount on the food truck permit if another agency performs the work of the required inspection. This program streamlines inspection requirements as a customer service to food trucks that operate in multiple locations. This program also provides a best practice checklist and opportunity for efficiencies to local Fire Marshals and fire agencies.

This program was originally pioneered in King County and based on interest from other areas of the State, WSAFM and King County have agreed to move the program to be administered by WSAFM. WSAFM also met with L&I over the summer to confirm the division of labor between their plan reviewers and inspectors (commissioning of new hood suppression systems) as well as the local fire agency (inspections for existing trucks).

To join the group of participating jurisdictions and accept valid inspections conducted by another participating jurisdictions each agency will need to review the WSAFM Food Truck Checklist to determine alignment with the particular needs of your agency. If you are able to accept the checklist and provide inspections consistent with it, your agency is an excellent candidate to join.

The checklist is currently being modified to account for the 2021 requirements but will be available on the WSAFM website shortly. If you have friendly amendments to the checklist, WSAFM will receive proposed edits through September 30, 2023, to allow for October 29, 2023 roll out. Please email requests to join and suggested checklist additions to WSAFM Board Member Karen Grove at karen.grove@seattle.gov.

Current list of participating agencies in the WSAFM Food Truck Inspection Program: [Fire Agency List](#)

Other resources coming to program participants: WSAFM will be translating the checklist into top tier languages (fall 2024) and providing stickers for food trucks (winter 2023-2024). Until stickers are available, food truck operators are required to keep the completed copy of the inspection checklist including sign off by the inspecting jurisdiction.



Topics of Interest

Caroline Kusher - Community Risk Reduction Specialist for the Spokane Valley Fire Department

The “C” in Community Risk Reduction

We are all quite familiar with the concept that Community Risk Reduction (CRR) offers fire departments a way to “get ahead of the call” as well as to identify and better understand the risks in our communities. However, CRR is also a way to engage our community partners in mitigating and / or preventing those risks. As fire departments cope with limited budgets and levies that do not pass, how can we do more with less? As we are tasked with providing services that span beyond the traditional and comfortable emergent response models, we are evolving and reidentifying our service delivery models. Along with that reidentification comes the necessity of collaborating with our community partners. These partnerships have the potential of providing a reach far greater than that of a single entity.

The benefits of community collaboration are limitless. The strategic possibilities are enhanced by a collaborative environment. Not only does collaboration yield more buy-in from community partners, but the opportunities of reaching our identified at-risk populations are expanded. The potential to build risk reduction initiatives that address not only primary but secondary and tertiary prevention measures is more achievable when community partnerships exist.

We recently concluded a successful pilot phase of a bike safety / helmet program that included nine outside community partners. We are also piloting an older adult grab bar installation program that includes four outside community partners. While one may be quick to jump to the conclusion that programs should be managed with fewer partners; that would be short sighted. Not only have we built discrete programs, but we are also laying the foundation for expanded partnerships positioned to create additional strategic initiatives. The “C” in CRR can also mean the community that you engage to make your neighborhoods safer, healthier, and more resilient.



Why Prevention – Tom Maloney

Why fire prevention and code enforcement, the first step is understanding the fire inspector role. As a member of the emergency services or as a member of a safety program, fire prevention inspections are vital to the success of the organization. You may think that this will not apply to you or need to know why, but this all relates to your daily routine. Every aspect of fire prevention applies to daily life and community.

The fire code is just one of many parts that allow your community to prosper, but more importantly allows the fire service to go home after an incident that influences your community. Have you thought or wondered why your roads are built the way they are built? Do you wonder why certain buildings are built to a different standard? The fire codes along with the many other codes affect all these features. If the fire code did not address certain functions, roads would be built more restrictive, and access would be limited which would jeopardize safety.

The code process is very interesting as most codes are made through a consensus type of process and your state, county, or local community may adopt or make more restrictive to meet your environment. Do you know what process is? You should know what the process is because the process does affect firefighter safety. The process is designed for firefighter safety, but they are based on the minimum or recommended minimums.

As a safety professional, you have the responsibility to understand this process and how to educate why you need to change to meet your local community. The fire inspector has a difficult responsibility because they are not there to not find a problem but to point out potential hazards that may create a problem that will not have a favorable outcome for that particular asset. It is the job of the safety professional to protect all the assets, which includes internal and external stakeholders.

There is no doubt that there will be issues that are political and very unpopular but if you understand the code and apply that code consistently, you will reduce the number of negative interactions that are encountered. When you conduct the safety audit, you are looking at items that are unsafe such as blocked exits, extension cords, clutter, and many other minor violations that can create larger problems. Think about what you would tell a stakeholder in regard to why extension cords are a violation of the fire code. These violations are common, but you need to be aware of many other violations as well such as occupant loads, hazardous materials storage, industrial practices, and annual service requirements.

Have you thought about occupant loads and what about the political factors of removing people from an occupancy that has significant community support? As an inspector, you need to know where to find these items within the code but more importantly as a company officer you need to understand the basics so you can be proactive but also provide the education process to promote a sound prevention culture. Are you aware of hazardous materials storage and the regulations on those amounts but more importantly how do they affect your ability to provide emergency services. You certainly want to know as a person conducting inspections how much is allowed and if the process is safe, because you will be responsible for mitigating the unwanted event. If you are not familiar with these practices, you will not be able to render aid with efficiency and effectiveness.

The understanding of the code is very important for anyone within the fire service but it certainly important for those who need to understand the process and conducting inspections. The inspection process is the customer service part of the organization. The organization will be judged on the inspection process. The main reason is that this is completed in the non-emergency setting and tactfulness is needed to tell someone they are not meeting the minimums.

Whether you are conducting inspections as a company or an individual you will need to understand the history of the property and you will want to evaluate any pre-planning information that may be available. These items will give you premise information to make a reasonable evaluation but more importantly address any ongoing code related issues.

The maintenance code compliance is how we continue to make public impressions from the time you arrive on the property until the time you leave the property you are being interviewed by those stakeholders. Conducting the inspection professionally but more importantly efficiently is key to all the parties. In-service crews have obligations for training, emergency response, and station duties. The property has a business to operate and if the inspection is not conducted properly, it creates more work for all parties. The plan of completion should be formulated prior to arrival on the property and can be relayed to the contact person upon the beginning of the inspection. This will allow everyone to work together to produce a productive outcome. There will most likely be follow-up inspections and they should be scheduled based the organizational policy or code violation type.

There are two other types of inspections that are very important and sometimes these inspections are not handled by the prevention division but may need to be handled by a duty crew. The first type is a complaint inspection. The complaint inspection is usually after hours because someone is disgruntled with the property. These tend to be a nuisance but in reality, they need to be taken seriously. The best approach to handle this is by trying to educate but more importantly letting the property know that the fire code is taken seriously, and the lack of care will create challenges for all parties involved but significantly decreases firefighter safety.

The inspection that has significance is the final construction inspection as this inspection can delay an opening of a business. When businesses move into your community, they have timelines for opening before money begins to be lost. It is extremely important that all expectations are provided prior to construction and through the construction process for the successful opening. This is very political, and pressure is exerted from both sides to sign off approval because of the economic impacts for not opening. Encourage a pre-final walk through to address any issues that may arise such as storage, blocked sprinkler heads, no emergency lighting, and other items that are necessary for opening. Also, remember that when the final is approved it becomes a maintenance issue and getting compliance can become arduous at best so get it correct the first time.

A key to any successful inspector and inspection is using a consistent approach for conducting inspections. It is

recommended that every organization develop a checklist that can be used by those who are conducting inspections to have a consistent method for success. Having forms for inspections will not only increase compliance but it provides the ability for education. The form should have the common violations but have a list of miscellaneous codes to reference for inspections. Having a checklist helps with documentation to develop educational programs but more importantly increases consistent enforcement throughout the community. It also provides the talking points you need to close out the inspection processes with the property.

Fire inspections are important to the fire service for many reasons and the most important one is firefighter safety. While the intent of the code is to make everyone safe, the importance is given to the firefighter. If we reduce commercial fires, there is less risk to the firefighter and increase economic development, which impacts the organizational budget. Fire inspections may not be glamorous, but they are vital to the success of the organization.



Membership

Members of the Washington State Association of Fire Marshals (WSAFM) receive several benefits including event discounts, which includes the Fire Prevention Institute (FPI). The FPI is quickly approaching and to receive your registration discount you must be listed under your agency membership. You can check if you are a member at www.WSAFM.com or check with your agency membership administrator. Membership is at the agency level and each agency can sign up as many individuals from their department as they like.

Agency membership also has voted rights and each agency may cast a single vote in an election or to determine matters brought before the association during the annual business meeting. Both events are held during the FPI, which starts October 16th. The primary member from the agency shall be the voting member and the primary member must be identified by the agency a minimum of 14 days prior to a vote. Proof of a member's eligibility to vote may be required prior to a member casting a vote.

WSAFM membership is on an annual basis, requiring renewal at the first of each year. Now that the latter half of the year is here, we would like to remind all members to budget for the 2024 renewal. Each year the WSAFM Board of Directors reviews membership dues to ensure the association is adequately funded to actively pursue our mission of providing leadership and professional development opportunities for our members and partners through communication, education, legislation, and code development. This year's dues review is complete, and WSAFM membership dues levels will remain unchanged for 2024. The board will review membership dues again in 2024 for any future changes.

Thank you to all the members of WSAFM and your continued support. 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.



2023 Fire Prevention Institute – Tom Maloney

Changing Today for Tomorrow: Making Livable Communities

We are excited to see you beginning October 16, for the annual Fire Prevention Institute. Also, there was a decision to remain at Campbell's through at least 2026, as we continue to make changes to facilitate our attendees.

We are excited to offer the topics you have asked for and look forward to these energetic presentations.

Topics this year will include historical fires, energy storage systems, community risk reduction, witness statements, PTSD in the fire service inclusive fire safety education, fire sprinkler, fire pattern analysis, data mining, wildland interface, and fire pumps to name a few. A full schedule is listed below and can be accessed at: [2023 Fire Prevention Schedule](#)

Working with our partners at the Washington State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO), the Washington Fire Chiefs, the Washington Public Fire Educators, Fire Investigators, and other fire service associations we continue to strive to bring you the best education in the region. The goal is to deliver training to fire agencies that can be used for continuous improvement.



**2023 Fire Prevention Institute Announcement
October 16 - Monday through October 20 – Friday**



**2023 Fire Prevention Keynote Speaker Announced
Chief Dennis Compton**



Leading Critical Components of CRR

Prevention – Education – Investigations and More

Community Risk Reduction (CRR) provides a platform for fire department leaders to assess risk, prevent harm, respond to incidents, and review the deployment and utilization of their resources to best protect their community. It can be a template for data-driven planning and decision-making, as well as establishing and communicating priorities inside and outside the department. CRR also establishes the foundation of a leadership and management mindset that guides the organization towards prevention, education, and investigations as key elements of its mission. This session will explore these assumptions and provide a unique perspective that can make current and future fire department leaders more effective.

About Chief Compton: Chief Dennis Compton was the Fire Chief in Mesa, Arizona for 6 years and Assistant Fire Chief in Phoenix (AZ) where he served for 28 years. He is Past Chairman of the Executive Board of the International Fire Service Training Association and Past Chairman of the Congressional Fire Services Institute National Advisory Council. He has also served as the Chairman of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Board of Directors, and Secretary of the International Public Safety Data Institute Board of Directors.

Dennis is a well-known speaker and author. During his more than 52+ year career in the fire service, he has received many prestigious awards and recognitions. A few include the ISFSI George D. Post National Instructor of the Year Award; the CFSI/Motorola Mason Lankford National Fire Service Leadership Award; the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association and the Arizona Fire Chiefs Association Lifetime Achievement Awards; the John Granito Award for Excellence in Fire Service Leadership and Management Research; the IAFC James O. Page EMS Achievement Award; the 2019 IAFC Presidents Award; the 2020 VCOS Presidents Award; and the 2020 NFFF Arthur Glatfelter Award. Dennis has been inducted into the National Fire Heritage center Hall of Legends, Legacies, and Leaders; the *Firehouse* Legends and Icons National Hall of Fame and is a charter member of the Arizona Fire Service Hall of Fame.

As we look forward to the 2024 FPI get ready to provide us with topics and prepare your presentation as the request for proposal will be out in August.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone and are very excited to have some of the best speakers in the country coming to Lake Chelan to provide us we quality topics regarding fire prevention, education, and investigations.

Continue to make a difference and set the standard for others to follow!



Code Corner

State Building Code Council – Tony Doan

The adoption of the 2021 cycle of State Codes has been delayed until October 29th of this year. The State Building Code Council will be accepting proposals for changes to the energy code in hopes to satisfy the concerns from stakeholders across the State.

The IFC and IRC Technical Advisory Groups met on March 29th and July 12th concerning a proposal from the Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families to increase the number of children allowed for an in-home daycare. There is a significant need for childcare in the State of Washington. This proposal would help with this concern, however, the need for fire and life safety provisions will need to be increased. The workgroup is going to make some changes to the proposal and bring it back to the TAG in August or September. The plan is to continue with off-cycle rulemaking once the Technical Advisory Groups vote to pass this on to the Building, Fire and Plumbing Committee with recommendations.

The CR-102 has been filed with the Code Reviser Office to adopt the R-4 occupancy classification in the State of Washington. This designation has been absent in the State since 1993. Since then, the International Code Council model codes have evolved to include an enhanced building science model for the R-4 designation that includes mitigations for both active and passive fire and life safety systems. There is no longer a reason for non-adoption of R-4 occupancy group.

The State Building Code Council is also fully staffed for the first time in a couple of years. They have hired two new employees. This will help with streamlining the code adoption process and other legislative mandates.



ICC Codes – Traci Harvey

The 2027 I-Code cycle is off to a great start. There are 7 Work Groups, each with Task Groups working on the various Chapters. Revising existing codes and providing language for new technology. A hot topic in Washington and elsewhere: Li-Ion Batteries.

Work Group 4: Energies Issues – Otherwise known as Energy Storage Systems; Or All things Li-Ion

This work group is dealing with the newest technology that has made its way into our homes and business. It seems so innocuous and is everywhere, even this laptop as I work on this article, yet the protection guidelines are not fully developed. Task Groups:

- Li-Ion Battery Storage
- Li-Ion Battery Recycling
- Micro-mobility Devices (IFC Chapter 309 & 322 (new 2024))

Work Group 5: Special Use & Occupancy

This group is taking a quick peek at all the Special Occupancy Chapters that have not had any edits in several cycles. One relevant topic is Oxidizers. This Task Group is addressing oxidizers which also includes Semi-conductor facilities.

Work Group 6: Hazardous Materials

Hazardous materials have only become more complicated over the years. Some revisions being discussed are:

- Moving all fueling related processes, whether stationary or mobile, to Chapter 23. One stop research.
- Re-evaluating maximum quantities; specifically for refrigerant gases and Li-Ion batteries.
- Incorporating GHIS definitions & categories; MSDS sheets are gone and SDS are here to stay.

Work Group 7: Wildland Urban Interface – A general re-evaluation of the chapter and requirements based on all the large-scale fires in recent years.

There are more Work Groups and Task Groups these are just the highlights. It is not too late to join a Task Group, if interested just send me an email on which group that you would like to join: HarveyT@SpokaneValleyFire.com.

Code proposals are due by January 2024, check the new schedule for specifics: [2024-2026 Updated Code Development Process](#)

This is a great way to make a difference. Or change something that you believe should be “fixed.”



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.

- August
 - 16th SEAC’s Virtual Energy Storage Systems Workshop
 - 23rd Learn Live: 2021 IFC/IBC Chapter 9
 - 30th Learn Live: PHTA/ICC-2 Standard
- September
 - 6th Learn Live: Sprinkler & Fire Alarm Acceptance Testing
 - 13th Learn Live: 2024 IBC – Snow & Ice Loads

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

ICC Board Elections As a ICC Chapter candidates running for ICC Board Positions often reach out for letters of support. In previous years a single request was received and was handled informally by Board members. This year 3 requests were received, and it was decided that a committee be formed to research each candidate for correlation with our Mission statement. This new committee determined that the following two candidates would benefit our organizational mission and received Washington State Fire Marshal letters of endorsement:

- James Sayers, Building Official from Oregon City
- Michael Savage Building Official from Marion County Florida



Upcoming Trainings:

Washington State Association of Fire Marshals

Monthly Webinar Series

The 2023 Monthly Webinar Series is an ongoing success! These 90-minute courses can be viewed live or at a later date. All the course topics were selected from the instructor evaluations from 2022. Topics to come include “From Paper to Practice”, “Performing a Code Study” and “How to Identify Construction Types and Occupancy Classifications”. Thank you all for your continued interest.



Fire Inspector 2 Boot Camp

October 30-November 2, 2023

This four-day class will cover in-depth details of fire code inspections. Students will learn to identify strenuous code violations found in the International Fire Code and International Building Code. This class will

include discussion and analysis of more technical level topics that the class participants can engage in. The first two days will be covering topics out of Part IV and V of the IFC (Special Occupancies and Operations, Hazardous Material); and multi-layered code analysis that requires navigation throughout the publication. Day three and four will be all about navigating the codes and getting familiar with the layout of the IFC and IBC.

Participants will be going through question-and-answer segments to help with test preparation for the Fire Inspector II certification through the International Code Council.

Register at [Fire Inspector II Boot Camp](#)



Washington Fire Chief's – Calendar of Events

- September
 - 8th EVIP 3.0 Virtual Training
 - 11th – 15th 2023 Fire Mechanics Fall Conference
 - 22nd EVIP 3.0 Training – Central Pierce
- October
 - 2nd-4th Washington Fire Administrative Support Conference

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



State Fire Marshal's Office

NFPA ERRS 1030

As part of the NFPA's Emergency Response and Responder Safety (ERSS) consolidation project, a number of professional qualification standards are being organized into larger documents, containing multiple, similar standards. One of the intents of the consolidation project is to benefit the end user by removing conflicting information between similar standards and having one document provide a well-rounded view of a topic, without having to purchase multiple standards/documents. By the end of the project in 2025, all qualifications within a consolidated standard will also be in a common document review cycle.

As part of that project, all of the qualifications that are presently in NFPA 1031 (Fire Inspector/Plan Examiner), NFPA 1035 (Fire and Life Safety Educator, Public Information Officer, and Youth Firesetter), and NFPA 1037 (Fire Marshal) have been consolidated in to the first edition of NFPA 1030, *Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Prevention Program Positions*. Fire Investigator (NFPA 1033) will be a stand-alone document and not included in NFPA 1030.

Within the Fire Inspector chapters of NFPA 1030, the 2024 edition makes substantial changes to the arrangement of the content within the Fire Inspector qualifications. The new edition eliminates the numerically sequenced Fire Inspector I/II/III and includes only Fire Responder Inspector (Chapter 6) and Fire Inspector (Chapter 7).

When the State Fire Marshal's Office updates its Fire Inspector certification testing, anticipated to be in the fourth quarter of 2024, we will begin testing and certifying to NFPA 1030, Chapter 7, Fire Inspector. Personnel certified to previous editions of Fire Inspector I will not be impacted by this change, and First Responder Inspector certification will not be a prerequisite for Fire Inspector. At this time, the SFMO does not anticipate offering certification testing for First Responder Inspector in the near future.

More information about the NFPA's ERRS Consolidation Project can be found at their website <https://www.nfpa.org/Codes-and-Standards/Resources/Standards-in-action/Emergency-Response-and-Responder-Safety-Project> .



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.

