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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 – Dave Kokot, P.E.

It has been a year like no other.

It has been a year that has changed all of us in what we do and how we do it. It has changed how we operate, and how we plan for the future. It has been a year to look deep inside and see what really means the most.

For WSAFM, 2020 was not the year we expected. It was a year of considerable experience and patience. It was a year that the WSAFM team worked flexibility into the operation and moved us into a new level. So, begins 2021.

It has been a year to set some expectations. We added a new position to the Board, 2nd Vice President, to help provide a succession path for our officers. The fee structure has been changed, but now includes monthly training and more opportunities for participation by Department rather than individually. It is expected that the Fire Prevention Institute will be held in Chelan this year, in one form or another. Our website has been greatly improved and we expect that it will become more of a resource to the membership – including the registration for training opportunities. And not to be left out, we expect to our obligations for legislative issues, State and national code development, residential fire sprinkler support, and the further development of community risk reduction.

It has been a year. Looking back to that time, things were so confusing, scary, and concerning. The year was difficult, but it made us stronger and open to new ideas and methods. Hopefully, we will soon get back to the new “new” normal that looks more like the normal before – but things will not be the same. Even with that, I am really looking forward to having a vacation again!

Having served on the Board for several years (yeah, I lost count), it is a great feeling to see how we have evolved and learned. But - and there usually is one - we have more to do, and it can be done better. For instance, we will be looking at our Committee structure and modifying it to better fit our efforts. That will take some membership participation. What better way to learn about WSAFM than to participate in a Committee even in a small way? We have learned that virtual training has a place and can be provided to more members

than in the past. WSAFM is recognized not only regionally, but nationally as well. We now have members from other States (not just Oregon and Idaho), and we welcome their participation and hope to see more. We need to listen to the membership, and the membership needs to speak up and express their concerns and ideas for the years to come.

I really look forward to next year and what it will look like when we reflect on “It has been a year”.

Stay safe and healthy.

Welcome New Board Member Karen Grove!

Hello Everyone! I am excited and humbled to join this great group! By way of introduction - I am currently the Fire Prevention Manager for the Seattle Marshal’s Office and have been in this role for the past decade. I am also the department’s legislative lead for city, state and federal legislation and have had a chance to meet some of you in this capacity. One area of emphasis for me lately has been working in the Puget Sound region to create standardized forms and processes by bringing AHJs and external stakeholders together. Food truck inspections, systems testing forms and policies... What has worked well is getting high quality, standard documents created with stakeholder input and then sharing them widely. I am looking forward to rolling up my sleeves and getting involved more with WSAFM where there may be a need for an extra pair of hands. Outside of work...I grew up in northeast Seattle, and I have two amazing, lovely daughters and a dog.

Membership – Robert Ferrell

First, thank you to all the members of the Washington State Association of Fire Marshals (WSAFM). If you or someone you know are not a member please consider joining today. Go to www.WSAFM.com for more information on how to join and member benefits.

WSAFM membership has been restructured for 2021. In the past, membership was at the individual level as either a governmental or educational member. Membership now is at the agency level and each agency can have as many individuals from their agency as they like. All individuals under an agency membership will be consisted WSAFM members and enjoy the benefits of membership. When an agency signs up for membership, a bundle administrator is selected, and that person can add and delete individuals to the agency membership bundle at any time. For more information on the bundle administrator please see the WSAFM website.

Agency membership also has voting rights and agencies may cast a single vote in an election or to determine matters brought before the association. The primary member from the agency shall be the voting member for the agency. The primary member must be identified by the agency a minimum of 14 days prior to the vote on the association membership rolls. Proof of a member’s eligibility to vote may be required prior to a member casting a vote.

WSAFM also has a partner level membership for those individuals outside the fire service that wish to support the vision and mission of WSAFM and a retired level membership for former members that have retired. Thank you for supporting WSAFM. Your membership allows the Association the ability to actively pursue our mission of providing leadership and professional development opportunities for our members and partners through communication, education, legislation, and code development.

2020 Fire Prevention Institute – Tom Maloney

October 18-22, 2021 - Power of Prevention

The Fire Prevention Institute focuses on important prevention and strategy issues facing fire officials, and provides networking opportunities related to education, engineering, and enforcement efforts to help improve safety in our communities and help minimize loss due to the devastating effects of fire. The Institute also includes essential training hours needed for code recertification of local code enforcement officials, public educators, and fire investigators.

Our lives are very different in these unusual times to say the least but the FPI is still on schedule for October 18-22, 2021. We are making the necessary changes to help with your safety in the new normal. There was a decision to remain at Campbell's through 2024, as we continue to make changes to facilitate our attendees.

The topics for the FPI are based on the survey returns from the 2019 FPI. These surveys are vital to us as we continue to meet your needs for great educational programs.

Topics this year will include report writing, social media and marketing, lessons learned from a MCI, fire inspections, energy storage, fire sprinkler installation, kitchen hood inspections, and relationships to name a few. A full schedule will be coming out with the registration in May of 2021.

We are also glad to say that Campbell's has implemented many new safety measures that will keep us all safe in our new dynamic environment. We will continue to use the best practices that are being used within Washington State.

We would like to announce our keynote speaker Chad Williams. As a former U.S. Navy SEAL Chad draws from his experience in the SEAL Teams to communicate an instructive perspective on teamwork, resilience, leadership, and self-motivation.

With the goal of becoming a Navy SEAL Williams entered the world of the military's most difficult training known as BUD/S (Basic Underwater Demolition SEAL training). Out of a class of 173 men that all vowed they would die before ever quitting Chad would be 1 of only 13 that would make it through to graduation day.

Having served his country proudly through multiple deployments on SEAL Teams One and Seven. Today, Chad is a bestselling author and frequent guest on major news networks such as Fox News Channel, Anderson Cooper 360, CNN Newsroom and more.

Chad draws from his military experience to educate others of the Navy SEAL's mindset, providing insight to goal setting, effective leadership, teamwork, overcoming adversity and the ultimate motivation.



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

2020 Fire in Washington Annual Report was published April 1, 2021

The State Fire Marshal's Office published the 2020 Fire in Washington Annual Report on April 1, 2021. You can review the report at <https://www.wsp.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/2020-Fire-in-Washington.pdf>. The National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) data submitted by fire agencies in Washington State is the primary information source used to generate this report.

Code Corner – Jon Napier & Traci Harvey

Code Corner

A summary of State and National code related happenings and schedules:

Washington State Codes – Jon Napier, Certified Fire Official & Fire Marshal, Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority

ICC Codes - Traci Harvey, P.E., Spokane Valley Fire Department – Retired SBCC Fire Service Representative. Current ICC Fire Code Action Committee (FCAC) member.

ICC Codes – Group A Calendar of Events

- April 11 – May 21, 2021 – The International Code Council e 2021 Committee Action Hearings have started. It is not too late to join the fun. There is a livestream viewing link on the website.
- Here is the hearing schedule:
 - Track 1
 - IBC – General April 12 – April 15
 - IBC – Fire Safety April 15 – April 18
 - IBC – Egress April 18 – April 21
 - Track 2
 - IFGC April 25
 - IPC/PSDC April 25 – April 26
 - IRC – Plumbing April 26 - April 27
 - IRC – Mechanical April 27 – April 28
 - IMC April 28 – April 29
 - ISPSC April 29 – April 30
 - IFC/WUIC April 30 – May 5
- The specific hearing order is also available on the website to help track upcoming proposals: [2021 Group A Hearing Orders - ICC \(iccsafe.org\)](#)

State Codes

The Fire Code TAG has completed reviewing the Washington Administrative Code 51-54A against the 2021 International Code. The next step will be to evaluate the proposed statewide amendments. The SBCC accepts statewide amendments to the IBC, IFC, WUIC, and WSEC-C until May 31st, at 1700. If you have an idea and need assistance with the process, contact wsafm@wsafm.com. We are glad to share information and help you in the process.

The Fire Code TAG has been creating rules for mobile fueling per the legislature. These rules will be effective later this year.

The SBCC approved our request for an Emergency Rule to WAC 51-54A-0904. This emergency rule suspends the requirement for ICC/NAFED certification until July 1st, 2021.

Please see the Association’s position on implementing RCW 19.27.700 – Fire and Smoke Control Systems Testing on our website. We will be forming a workgroup to discuss future legislative or statewide amendments to make this easier to implement at the local level. Please contact wsafm@wsafm.com if you are interested.

Thanks to Association members Dave Kokot (Spokane), Ken Brouillette (Seattle), Michael Six (Bremerton), Karen Grove (Seattle), and Corey Thomas (Renton RFA) for their work on the IFC. Also, thanks to Ken and Corey for their work representing us on the IBC TAG. Please contact wsafm@wsafm.com if you are interested in helping with code development.

Dwelling Units with No Smoke Detection Device – Local Jurisdictions Can Assess Fines

In July 2019, the Washington State Legislature strengthened [RCW 43.44.110](#) relating to smoke detection devices in dwelling units. The new requirements include provisions for:

- Local jurisdictions to issue a fine when a fire occurs in a dwelling unit that was sold on or after July 1, 2019, without at least one smoke detection device.
- Except for administrative costs for enforcing the fine, all moneys shall be deposited into the Smoke Detection Device Awareness Account created in [RCW 43.44.115](#).

The funds deposited into the account may be used for the purposes of:

- Raising public awareness of owners and tenants’ duties pertaining to smoke detection devices and of the danger to life and property resulting from a failure to comply with those duties.
- Administrative costs related to enforcement of the fine.

The law also provides for other installation requirements in dwelling units as well as a fine of not more than \$200 for non-compliance.

ICC Calendar of Events

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

Building Safety Month proclamations are available for use through ICC

May is Building Safety Month which provides the opportunity to raise the profile of our profession and to communities about their value to America’s economic growth and safety. This year’s theme is “Prevent, Prepare, Protect: Building Codes Save.” Additional information on the weekly themes are available through the links below:

- **Week One** (May 1-9): [Energy & Innovation](#)
- **Week Two** (May 10-16): [Training the Next Generation](#)
- **Week Three** (May 17-23): [Water Safety](#)
- **Week Four** (May 24-31): [Disaster Preparedness](#)

The [2021 Proclamation Guide is available here](#) which can be downloaded. Do not overlook this opportunity to have the 2021 BSM proclamations signed by mayors, county commission chairs, state legislators, Governors and associations and businesses who support a safe and resilient built environment. Click [here](#) to download the 2021 Building Safety Month poster.

Upcoming Trainings:

2021 Webinar Series

EVENT FEE*: Members – Included in Annual Membership | Non-Members \$1,200

DETAILS:

WSAFM will be providing 90-minute monthly webinars on selected IFC topics. The annual webinar series is now included in the annual membership dues and all members of your agency will have access to this training at no additional charge. Members will be contacted with access information.

Tony Doan of the Washington Code Academy will be the instructor for the webinar's series.

[Registration Link For Webinar Series – Click Here](#)

Fire Inspector Boot Camp

EVENT FEE*: Members - \$400 | Non-Members - \$500.00

DETAILS: Online - November 1 to 4, 2021 0830-1630

This four-day class will cover in-depth details of all aspects of a fire code inspection. Students will learn to identify common code violations found in the International Fire Code and International Building Code.

Day two and three will focus on more advanced fire code inspection topics. It is designed to assist in the identification of fire protection systems, as well as what maintenance is required on such systems.

Students will be able to identify when systems are required or when they have been altered and require repair. Day 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 1 certification through the International Code Council.

Washington Code Academy Instructor: Washington Code Academy, LLC is an ICC Preferred Provider. The instructor for this course is Tony Doan. Tony has 6 years of fire sprinkler design experience and 6 years of fire code inspection experience and currently works for Yakima Fire Department. He holds a NICET Level II in fire sprinkler design. He is also certified through the International Code Council as a Fire Code Inspector I & II, Commercial Building Inspector and Certified Building Official.

Registration for the event will be on the WSAFM website soon.

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.