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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. Membership in the Washington State Association of Fire Marshals is open to individuals in four categories: Governmental, Associate, Educational and Retired. There are many benefits to membership for individuals in all categories.

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

Meetings, meetings, and meetings. I had no idea of the number of meetings that WSAFM participates in during the year, even when I served as a Board member. This is truly a behind-the-scenes effort that is not visible to the membership as a whole. Each meeting is important in a similar and in a different way. I am so thankful to a number of members for stepping up and representing the Association with dedication and professionalism for our goals and objectives in all of the meetings we do participate in. Thanks to Jon Dunaway, Jon Napier, Hank Teran, Steve Riggs, Rob Bradley, Tom Maloney, Angela Barton, Traci Harvey, Robert Ferrell, Todd Short, Jim Kambeitz, Ken Carlson, Heidi Scarpelli, and so many others. Literally, I could fill this whole column with names.

As President, it is necessary that I attend as many meetings that I can. It was pretty obvious that would be impossible, especially with the majority of meetings being held on the west side of the State. Logistically, it can be a challenge to get representation to each meeting. With the support provided, we usually have someone in attendance for each meeting either in person and/or by phone.

Here are a few of the meetings that we do participate in. This is not complete but gives the membership an idea of the magnitude of effort made throughout the year.

The International Fire Marshal Association meets once a year (San Antonio in 2019), with the Presidents of State Associations from across the country as well as international (Alberta was there this year). It also happens that the President of IFMA is a past President of WSAFM, David Lynam. This group meets just before the NFPA Annual Conference. As a newcomer this year, I felt at home and learned that everyone is concerned and interested in the same subjects such as cannabis,

food trucks, homeless shelters, and just getting the job done with minimal resources.

Earlier in the year, I was part of the Washington State delegation to the Congressional Fire Service Institute in Washington, DC (yes, we had to keep saying “Washington State”). This is a two-day whirlwind of meetings with legislators and/or their staffers to go over national Fire Service issues, as well as State and Local. We were extremely busy meeting with nearly all of the offices on a single hot and humid day. When we were done, we got to discuss a number of key issues – including residential fire sprinklers. It has been very beneficial to have Fire Prevention included in the discussions.

The Washington Fire Service Coalition started this year with the intent to help educate the Legislature about our issues and concerns and meets mostly on a monthly schedule. The Coalition is focusing on residential sprinklers this year with the goal to provide a presentation at the legislative breakfast for the next session. Five different State Associations as well as NFSA and NFPA got together to make this work, and the presentation has been shown to several groups (and is planned to be shown at the 2019 FPI) as practice makes perfect.

The WSAFM Legislative Committee meets with the Washington Fire Chiefs (WFC) Legislative Committee regularly throughout the session. This requires quick and thorough responses and positions. With our efforts this year, we were very successful in communicating our concerns. Depending upon the need, meetings can be monthly to weekly, with several as-needed discussions to coordinate testimony and commentary.

Although WSAFM is not a Section of WFC, we do have a standing report at their bi-monthly Board meetings as well as a progress report for their Annual Meeting.

We also participate with the Washington Fire Service Leadership Forum with their regular meetings that address issues such as training and certification as well as legislative prioritization.

Members of the Board also regularly meet with the WFC Staff as they are contracted as our administrative staff for several duties. These meetings include contract negotiations, constructive discussions, and collaborative efforts so that we are all heading in the same direction.

We also provide the representation of the Fire Service position to the Washington State Building Code Council and that position chairs the Fire Code Technical Advisory Group (TAG). This gets quite busy during the code adoption cycle.

The Association is also involved with the Washington Fire Sprinkler Coalition, with a WSAFM member normally serving as the Chair.

And . . . we have our regular WSAFM Board meetings every other month.

Whew. The most impressive aspect of all this participation is that the meetings are attended by WSAFM members who volunteer to step up to fill the seats reserved for the Association. If you have an opportunity, be sure to thank them for their service. They deserve it.

The Association can always use more participation, and we will need to recruit new faces as the current leadership moves on to other pursuits. The ongoing participation in meetings is integral to the success of WSAFM.

Code Corner — Traci Harvey, P.E., Spokane Valley Fire Department – SBCC Fire Service Representative

While the code process itself is not the most exciting component of the fire service it has a major impact on many aspects ranging from plan review & code enforcement to operations. The codes being written today will be the ones our buildings will be constructed to tomorrow. The process moves at a very measured pace to ensure participation from all interested parties; of course, no matter how much time is allocated there never seems to be enough time.

To keep you up to date with the codes of tomorrow here is the schedule for the Washington Amended Code; expected adoption date of July 1, 2020 (this date will be here before we know it) and the 2021 ICC Model codes (which means the next round of the Washington code process is just around the corner).

Washington State Codes

The State amendment process is moving forward with the Group 1 codes reaching completion and the Group 2 codes moving out of the TAG process.

Group 1 Codes (IBC, IEBC, IFC & WSEC) Schedule:

- *CR-102 has been submitted to the Code Reviser*
- *July 12 – SBCC & Public Hearing*
- *July 26 – SBCC Votes (if any changes staff will work on for WAC language – staff prepare CR-103)*
- *Jan 2, 2020 – Staff submits CR-103*

Group 2 Codes (IRC, IMC IFGC, UPC & WSEC-R) schedule:

- *June 13 – MVE & BFP meeting – vote to send TAG results to SBCC*
- *June 14 – SBCC directs staff to prepare CR-102*
- *August 21 – Changes published by Code Reviser*
- *September 13 – SBCC & Public Hearing (Spokane)*
- *September 27 – SBCC & Public Hearing (Olympia)*
- *November 8 - SBCC Votes (if any changes staff will work on for WAC language – staff prepare CR-103)*
- *Jan 2, 2020 – Staff submits CR-103*

2019 Council meeting schedule:

- *June 13 – BFP*
- *June 14 – SBCC*
- *July 12 - SBCC & Public Hearing*
- *July 26 – SBCC*
- *September 13 – SBCC & Public Hearing (Spokane)*

- *September 27 – SBCC & Public Hearing (Olympia)*
- October 10 – MVE & BFP
- October 11 – SBCC
- November 8 – SBCC

MVE = Mechanical; Ventilation & Energy Code

BFP = Building; Fire & Plumbing

SBCC = State Building Code Council

ICC Codes

The Committee Action Hearings are scheduled for April 28 – May 8, 2019 in Albuquerque New Mexico have been completed and the Report of the Committee Action Hearing has been posted and is available on the ICC website.

Going forward with the process the following are dates to be aware of:

- July 24 - Deadline for cdpACCESS online receipt of Public Comments
- September 4 – Posting of Public Comment Agenda
- October 23-30 – Public Comment Hearing (Clark County, Nevada)
- November – Online Government Voting

To keep up to date on both the State & National codes be sure to check out their respective websites:

- <https://apps.des.wa.gov/sbcc/default.aspx>
- <https://www.iccsafe.org/myicc/>

Fire Prevention Institute – Time to Register!

October 21-26, 2019

Creating Change Through Education and Leadership

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.

This year, we will have two keynote speakers. Captain (ret) Doug Kunzman will provide a dynamic presentation on building an elite culture in a volatile and changing environment. Doug Commanded 2 state of the art warships, an Aegis Destroyer USS GRAVELY (DDG 107) and a Ballistic Missile Defense Cruiser USS LAKE ERIE (CG 70). His last Command was as the COMMODORE of Destroyer Squadron Nine based out of Everett WA with ships located in Everett, San Diego and Hawaii. He was responsible for 6

Destroyers and over 2500 sailors and naval assets valued at more than 15 Billion Dollars.

Major League Baseball umpire Tripp Gibson personal career journey from high expectations as a young baseball player through high school, to his path into officiating baseball as an umpire. This session will provide a unique perspective into the world of professional sports and umpiring. The presentation will provide strategies to combat volatile situations and deescalate high tensions. This session will include humor and motivate you in your own journey.

Other courses included in the Fire Prevention, Public Education and Fire Investigation tracks include:

- Tall Wood Buildings
- PIO Assignments Beyond Your Organization
- 2015 I-Code Commercial Cooking Operations
- Community Risk Reduction Strategies for Public Outreach
- Flammable Refrigerants: The Evolving Impact on Codes
- Modern Day Confidence – Reporting Reducing Community
- Factors Influencing Human Behavior in Fire, Why Regulation is Not the Answer
- Public Safety In-Building DAS Design from an Integrator’s Perspective
- The ABCs of Educational Messaging: From Core to Customized
- A Recipe for Success – Mitigating Stovetop Cooking Fires
- I am in Charge, Now What? Rules of Engagement for the Fire Marshal in Leadership Positions
- IFC Chapter 4 – Fundamentals of Emergency Planning
- Statewide Approach to Community Risk Reduction: Fire Safe South Carolina
- Significant Changes to NFPA 72, 2016 and 2019 Editions
- How Pasco Fire Department got CRR Started on a Limited Budget
- Balancing Security with Fire Safety in Educational Occupancies
- Statewide Fire Fatality Research: Community Loss Education and Response (CLEAR) Team
- Integrating Prevention and Education for Successful CRR
- Evaluation of the Fire Performance of Aluminum Composite Material (ACM) Assemblies
- Strategic Approach to CRR in WA State
- Introduction to the Washington State 2018 International Fire Code
- Saving Lives: Lessons and Strategies for Managing Bulk Liquid CO₂
- Electrical Aspects of Fire Investigation
- Investigation of Fireplace Fires
- The Future of CO₂ Safety
- Best Practices in Washington Community Risk Reduction and Educator Updates

Additional registration and lodging information is available at:

<https://connect.computility.com/f/index.php>

Upcoming Trainings:

IFC & IBC Hazardous Materials Provisions

September 17, 2019

Clark County Public Safety Complex

505 NW 179th Street

Ridgefield, WA 98642

Members \$100 / Non-Members \$150 (includes lunch)

ICC Preferred Provider CEU's will be awarded to those attending!

The Washington State Association of Fire Marshals (WSAFM) is pleased to announce a one-day training course on the IFC and IBC Hazardous Materials Provisions. This seminar will examine the application of code requirements in the 2015 IFC and the 2015 IBC to determine compliance for the storage, use, handling and dispensing of hazardous materials. Participants should bring a copy of the 2015 IFC and IBC to the class. A class workbook will be provided but copies of the IFC and IBC will not be provided. Class runs from 8:00am to 4:00pm.

For class questions please contact:

Robert Ferrell robert.ferrell@wsrb.com 509.228.8062

Event Location Contact:

Jon Dunaway: jon.dunaway@clark.wa.gov 564.397.4116

REGISTER ONLINE: www.wsafm.com

Understanding the Complexities of UL300 Fire Systems in Commercial Hoods

September 18-20, 2019

The Washington State Association of Fire Marshals is hosting the Badger/Kidde factory Pre-Engineering training program addresses all of the necessary product specific equipment service details, as well as service manuals, product literature, bulletins and other materials necessary for compliances with various codes and NFPA (i.e., NFPA 10, NFPA 17, NFPA 17 A, NFPA 70, NFPA 72 and NFPA 96) requirements.

Beyond reviewing the necessary NFPA service-related requirements, this class covers essential service, installation and maintenance requirements required by the manual and NFPA. Additionally, the class provides Hands-On training that will provide proper installation, service and maintenance. We will walk through how to service and install pieces of equipment and learn some hints passed along the way by other technicians.

The target audience for this class is individuals responsible for plan review or confidence testing of new and existing Type One Commercial Ranges and UL 300 Fire Systems. The class will focus on plan review and onsite inspections of Type One Hoods and UL 300 Fire Systems. We will discuss the importance of a thorough plan review and how to inspect the system when certifying the systems for compliance. We will discuss in depth what is UL 300 and how it relates to the International Building Code, International Fire Code, NFPA, and the listing requirements per the manufacturers.

Upon completion, participants will be better able to complete a thorough plan review and have confidence when certifying the systems.

Class will start at 08:00hrs and ICC credit will be given. Class limit is 30 Students

Registration Fee: \$100 (No lunch will be provided)

Location: Moses Lake Fire, 701 E Third Avenue, Moses Lake, WA 98837

Class information contact:

Kelly Blaine, Fire Marshal - (360) 757-6684 or kellyjb@burlingtonwa.gov

[Site Contact: Derek Beach - dbeach@cityofml.com](mailto:dbeach@cityofml.com)

[Lodging:](#)

[Holiday Inn Express & Suites – 2300 S Maiers RD - Moses Lake - 509-766-8000](#)

Fairfield 2380 S Maiers RD - Moses Lake - 509 765 0500

Comfort Suites 1700 E Kittleson RD Moses Lake - 509 765 3731

2019 WSAFM Award Nomination

The Washington State Association of Fire Marshals (WSAFM) is excited to announce the nomination period for the 2018 WSAFM Awards. Awards open for nominations are Fire Marshal of the Year and Member of the Year. These awards will be presented at WSAFM's Fire Prevention Institute in October in Chelan, WA.

Purpose: To recognize the outstanding contributions of a WSAFM member who is active in the organization.

Eligibility:

These awards are given to a member of the Association that exemplifies the vision and goals of the Association. Members considered should meet one or more of the following:

1. Implementing, supporting, and enforcing prevention policies to improve public and firefighter safety.
2. Mentoring current and new personnel to improve their education and skills to prepare them for a career in Prevention.
3. Improving communication skills in their department to improve the perception and acknowledgement of Fire Prevention.
4. Has shown pro-active leadership of new and creative ideas related to Fire Prevention.
5. Demonstrated high degree of service to the community in advocating or participating in programs promoting fire safety.
6. Exhibited a high standard of professionalism and dedication to Fire Prevention.

Nomination Process: WSAFM members are encouraged to nominate an outstanding member who benefits WSAFM in a unique way and deserves recognition.

Format for Submission: Describe on an attached document this outstanding member and the reason(s) why you have nominated him / her for a 2018 Award. Where possible, provide specific examples of the nominee's outstanding contributions. **Note:** Providing specific examples can help the Awards Committee better understand the person you are nominating.

Deadline: All nominations must be received by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, September 21, 2018.

Submittal: Email to robert.ferrell@wsrb.com

Selection of the Award Recipient: The WSAFM Awards Committee will determine the award winner.

Nominee Information:

Name: _____

Employer: _____

Rank/Position: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Submitter Information:

Nomination submitted by:

Employer: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Questions? Please contact Robert Ferrell at 509-228-8062 or email robert.ferrell@wsrb.com

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.

Member Opportunities

WSAFM is always looking for volunteers to assist in the operations of the Association. When we have openings on Committees, Board Positions, or other opportunities, we will include that information in the newsletter.



Be sure to download and print the ICC published errata on a regular basis