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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

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Fire Prevention Roundtable/Institute. It has become an event that many members look forward to each year. We have been fortunate to provide current and pertinent information that can be used in our day-to-day work. The networking is invaluable, as members from across the State get to share and learn from each other. I look forward to the energy and enthusiasm each year.

My first Roundtable was at the Sun Mountain Lodge. I was part of a presentation about "Performance Based Design" the last day of the event as a guest (I did not start my current position until January of 2002). My memory of it was seeing about half of the attendees packing up and leaving as we were going over to setup the presentation. There were about 20 attendees that heard the presentation. We have some a long way since then.

The first Roundtable that I attended as a member was held in Vancouver in 2002. It happened to be during the 1 year anniversary of 9/11. We were all invited to a ceremony with the City to remember the day and to honor those that lost their lives. That was very moving, and made me proud to be associated with WSAFM.

The Roundtable has grown into an Institute, and the numbers of attendees has grown as well. There a multiple tracks, a huge banquet, top-notch speakers, and a fantastic vendor night. It is not a simple event to plan, and we have grown in that as well. More members are becoming involved in the planning as it is more than one or two people can handle. For this year, Ellen Tombleson and Tom Maloney

have provided the guidance to make the 2018 Institute the best ever. I cannot thank them enough for their time and dedication to making the FPI successful.

If you have not had the opportunity to participate at the Roundtable, we hope that you can join us. For those that have attended, we thank you for your participation. The information about the Institute is included in this newsletter, but feel free to contact me or one of the Board Members if you have any questions.

See you in Chelan!

2018 WSAFM Fire Prevention Institute October 22-26, 2018

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, Dr. David Griffin, author of *In Honor of The Charleston 9: A Study of Change Following Tragedy*, will be the keynote speaker. This presentation is based off of the best-selling book with the identical name, which includes doctoral research that will help all organizations, whether public, private, for-profit, or non-profit to determine whether organizational change is needed in their respective organization. Students are taken on an emotional ride from the dark days of fighting fire in Charleston, SC, where nine firefighters perished in the line of duty, to today where the organization is now a national model for change.

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

- Basic Plan Review
- Advanced Plan Review
- Elevator Code Compliance
- Medical Gas Systems
- Pressure Regulating Devices in Commercial Fire Protection
- Mobile Food Trucks and Temporary Cooking Regulations
- High-Piled Storage
- Evaluation of Performance-Based Design
- Fire Alarm Intelligibility & Occupant Notification Requirements
- Understanding the Hazardous Materials Requirements of the IFC
- Building Partnerships for Reduction Efforts
- Partnering for Preparedness
- An Introduction to NFPA's Wildfire Division and the Firewise USA Program
- Taking Your Community by Storm
- School Fire Evacuations
- Youth Firesetting Diversion
- Multi-Generational Homes – Addressing the Fire Safety Challenges
- Social Media – Balancing Fire Department Policies and First Amendment Rights
- Youth Fire Prevention and Intervention Model

- National Insurance Crime Bureau as a Resource
- It Takes More than Fire Hats
- ATF Resources
- Better Questions, Better Investigations
- Training Synopsis: Triple Homicide/Arson
- UL 300 – Post-Fire Field Analysis
- WPFE Best Practices

Additional registration and lodging information is available at:

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

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

The 2018 code development cycle for the Group A codes: IBC, IEBC, IFC & WSEC; is complete. Public hearings are scheduled for September 14th in Spokane and on October 12th in Olympia. Check the website for more details.

If you cannot attend in person be sure to send in any comments as there are several proposals; both building, fire and commercial energy code; that will be moving forward for “off cycle” rule making that will sit through a legislative session this year for adoption on July 1, 2019.

- An alternative to NICET for fire alarm certification.
- Mass Timber
- Group I-4 being added to risk Category III in IBC Table 1604.5
- Correcting 2015 UA equation and adds SHGC
- Adds reference to high performance mechanical to UA
- Adds exception for pipe run to pipe insulation requirements

The remainder will not sit through the legislative session until the Group B codes are complete; IRC, IMC, IFGC, UPC & WSEC-R. Full adoption is anticipated on July 1, 2020 for the 2018 I-Codes with Washington State Amendments.

Remember the process is not complete yet and you are an important part. If you know of a constituent group that should be involved reach out and make them aware. This process is for all who are or may be affected.

Looking Ahead:

The ICC process is progressing towards its conclusion the final hearings are coming up in October. The schedule for the final hearings in Richmond have been posted on the website: <https://cdn->

web.iccsafe.org/wp-content/uploads/2018-PCH-Schedule.pdf The IFC portion runs from October 26th – 27th. For those following the fire safety items in the building code the items will be presented October 25th – 26th.

Inspectors Corner

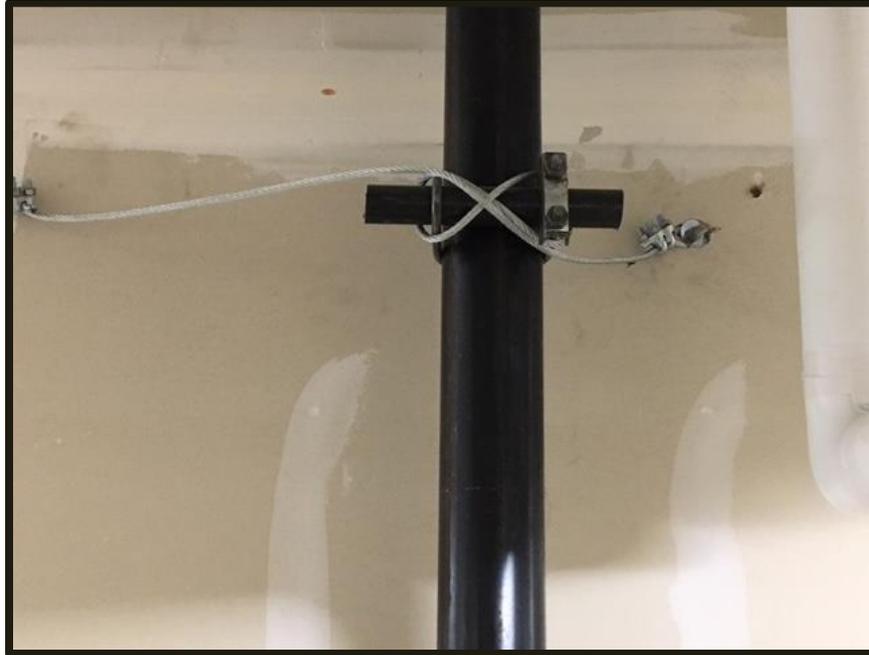


Photo taken of an actual installation of a pipe brace.
What would your next action be?

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:

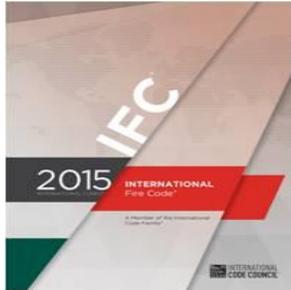
<https://fortress.wa.gov/ga/apps/sbcc/Page.aspx?nid=14>

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