

2013 Educational Sessions Descriptions

Monday, October 21, 2013

Session	Description
After the Fire	Shawn Simon and Alvaro Llanos will show the documentary "After the Fire" about the deadly Seton Hall University dormitory fire and the recovery efforts to survive a fire in a place that they thought would be safe. A discussion will take place following the viewing, as well as question and answers.
How to Prepare for a TCIC/NCIC Audit	Discuss what auditors look for during the audit process; what to expect during the audit and tips on begin prepared and ready for the TCIC audit.
ICC Update	IFC update and ICC Code Development Process Access
Texas Commission on Fire Protection Update	TCFP will cover a few legislative updates, recent developments, and there will be a Q&A session.
Legislative Update	Update attendees on legislative changes from the 2013 Texas Legislative session.

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Session	Description
Five Concurrent Themes for Success	<p>The ultimate goal on any task, incident or event encountered by a Fire Marshal is get their job done correctly. The “themes” of risk management, systems implementation, customer service, accountability and integrity work together to better assure things go right, thus preventing the nasty consequences that occur when things are not done correctly.</p> <p>Mr. Graham is internationally recognized as a leading authority on public safety risk management. He has coupled his experiences as a cop, lawyer and consultant and has developed systems for success used by public safety agencies around the world. You will not be sorry you spent some time with Gordon Graham.</p>

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Tuesday, October 22, 2013 (continued)

Hoarding and the Fire Service and What's New with Public Education	Issues related to hoarding and the fire service will be discussed to prepare first responders. This session will highlight the dangers of hoarding behavior and offer suggestions to assist with developing hoarding task forces. The second session will highlight free resources for educators to use from NFPA.
NFPA 25 – The Beat Goes On and Classifying Deficiencies	<p>The 2014 edition of NFPA 25 has a number of new requirements that impact contractors providing inspection, testing, and maintenance of water-based suppression systems. This seminar reviews those topics that have been the most controversial during the revision process. These include the scope of the standard, classification of deficiencies, record keeping, repairs and correction of deficiencies, underground and standpipe flow testing, fire pump testing, main drain tests, and obstruction inspections and investigation. This seminar benefits anyone who sells, performs, or manages the system maintenance.</p> <p>Classifying deficiencies is a major challenge for contractors providing inspection and testing services based on NFPA 25. Too strict and relationships with customers suffer. Too lenient and good fire protection may be compromised. The technical committee for NFPA has worked hard during the last two revision cycles to address this issue by providing definitions for varying levels of deficiencies with the intent of providing owner, AHJ's, and contractors guidance on the issue. This seminar examines strategies and options for contractors to consider while meeting the purpose of NFPA and maintaining good customer relations. Protect yourself and your customer by developing consistent, realistic, and defensible methods for classifying deficiencies.</p>

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Storage 101	More than 60 percent of NFPA 13 is devoted to the protection of storage. With the continuing development of new sprinkler technology, new applications, and change in protection scenarios contractors, designer, and AHJs must keep abreast of the changes. This seminar examines the basics of storage protection including commodity classifications, determining design approaches, and using the standard to find the most efficient protection scenarios. The seminar focuses heavily on using problem solving with in-seminar activities. Both beginners and experienced individuals will benefit from this seminar.
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Wednesday, October 23, 2013

University Forum	Meeting of all university fire marshals, to discuss topics specific to their group.
Municipal Forum	Meeting of all municipal fire marshals, to discuss topics specific to their group.
County Forum	Meeting of all county fire marshals, to discuss topics specific to their group.
All Inclusive Forum	All fire marshals will come together to discuss topics important to the field.

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Thursday, October 24, 2013

Session	Description
Falsification of Day Care Documents	To provide information about what child care licensing inspectors monitor and enforce in child care settings related to fire safety. How we can help each other in ensuring children are protected.
TCOLE Update	Explanation of how the changes in Texas Occupations Code statutes and TCOLE Administrative Rules affect peace officer licenses.
Residential Sprinklers	The presentation will cover three areas: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A brief overview of NFPA13D, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in One and Two-Family Dwellings and Manufactured Homes,2. Current Texas legislation prohibiting cities from enacting fire sprinkler mandates in One and Two Family Dwellings, and3. Conflicting views of residential fire sprinklers between fire service professionals and home builders.
Human Trafficking	Human Trafficking is one of the most profitable crimes in the world, ranking only behind the drug trade and firearms trade in annual profitability. Fire professionals including inspectors, investigators and suppression personnel should be able to recognize the indicators that the crime of human trafficking may be present in their jurisdictions. This presentation will help students identify indicators of human trafficking and how to document the indicators for use by law enforcement personnel. Case studies will be analyzed.

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Friday, October 25, 2013

Session	Description
Courage to be Safe	<p>Firefighters must have the courage to face a multitude of risks in order to save lives and protect their communities. Their courage allows them to willingly risk their own lives so that others can be saved. A different type of courage is required to stay safe in potentially dangerous situations, avoiding needless risks and tragic consequences.</p> <p>This provocative and moving presentation is designed to change the culture of accepting the loss of firefighters as a normal occurrence. Building on the untold story of LODD survivors, it reveals how family members must live with the consequences of a firefighter death and provides a focus on the need for firefighters and officers to change fundamental attitudes and behaviors in order to prevent line of duty deaths. The central theme promotes the courage to do the right thing in order to protect yourself and other firefighters and ensure that "Everyone Goes Home" at the end of the day.</p>