



CAFAA'S 54th ANNUAL CONFERENCE PALM SPRINGS CONVENTION CENTER & HILTON PALM SPRINGS HOTEL

February 8 & 9, 2024

SPEAKER BIO(s)

THURSDAY (10:20 am – 11:20 am)

'INTERVENING ADOPTION OF CA FIRE CODE AMENDMENTS FOR JULY 2024'

CRYSTAL SUJESKI (CalFire OSFM)

As Acting Division Chief for CAL FIRE/Office of the State Fire Marshal's Code Development and Analysis, the division is charged with developing regulation proposals for the State of California for Fire and Life Safety.

Chief Sujeski has been actively involved in the initiation, preparation, and analysis of code changes international, national, and state levels since 2008, with the State Fire Marshal's office for the last 10 years.

Chief Sujeski has participated and served on several working groups and is a member of the International Code Council; the Sustainable Energy Action Committee (SEAC), and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), California Fire Chief's Association NorCal Fire Prevention Officers Section, California Building Standards Commission Code Advisory Committee and the California Building Officials (Calbo).

Chief Sujeski chairs several SFM working task groups and committees including:

- Wildland Urban Interface Chapter 7A and Chapter 49
- I-3 occupancy
- L occupancy
- Energy Storage Systems
- A2L refrigerants
- Tents
- Day Care and I-4 occupancy with Social Services
- SFM Code Interpretation committee

The Code Development and Analysis Division works with the other divisions within the office including Fire Engineering, Fire and Life Safety, Pipeline and State Fire Training Divisions. These internal working relationships are important to facilitate the Title 19 rulemaking process which promotes further public participation, creates the rulemaking record which ultimately is review by the SFM and CALFIRE Executive before being submitted to the Office of Administrative Law.

THURSDAY (12:20 pm – 1:20 pm)

'BATTERY MANUFACTURING FACILITIES, OFF GAS DETECTION AND BATTERY STORAGE'

WAYNE AHO (Siemens Industry)

Wayne is a seasoned Fire Protection Industry professional with extensive product management and product growth experience. He is focused on creating smoke & fire detection technologies and associated products that solve unique challenges for system designers and end user facilities. He has extensive experience with high performing / high-quality products enabling global enterprise customers increased levels of protection for their high risk facilities and high value processes. Wayne also enjoys driving strategic relationships, business development and participation in National level Industry and Technical forum



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THURSDAY (1:30 pm – 2:30 pm)

'CONSTRUCTION FIRE PROTECTION'

BOB SULLIVAN (NFPA)

Bob Sullivan is presently working as a Southwest Regional Director at NFPA.

Prior to this, he was a deputy fire marshal at Thornton Fire Department, a product manager of mobile equipment at Kidde Firefighting USA, and more.

Bob holds a Bachelor's degree in Engineering and Physics at Ursinus College and a Master's degree in Fire Protection Eng

THURSDAY (2:40 pm – 3:40 pm)

'IN-BUILDING PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM'

ALAN PERDUE (SAFER BUILDING COALITION)

Chief Perdue has over 40 years of service in public safety, retiring as Guilford County Emergency Services Director/Chief in 2013. Chief Perdue is credentialed as a Chief Fire Officer (CFO) and Fire Marshal (FM) through the Center for Public Safety Excellence Commission for Professional Credentialing, a graduate of the NFA Executive Fire Officer Program and holds degrees in Fire Protection Technology and Management/Ethics.

In addition to serving as the Executive Director of the Safer Buildings Coalition, Chief Perdue currently serves on the NFPA 1225 Technical Committee, Underwriters Laboratories Standard #2524 Standards Technical Panel, National Association of Counties Telecommunications and Technology Steering Committee and as an Elected County Commissioner in Guilford County, NC.

Chief Perdue lectures extensively across the US and Canada about Emergency Responder Communications Enhancement Systems and is the co-author of the *Complete ERCES Handbook*.



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'IN-BUILDING PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM'

JOHN FOLEY (SAFER BUILDING COALITION)

John is currently a Managing Director with the Safer Building Coalition. He has extensive experience in analyzing and developing positions for telecommunications regulatory and legislative issues involving federal and state agencies and legislative bodies.

John is co-author of The Complete ERCES Handbook – with NICET In-Building Public Safety Communications (IB-PSC) Study Guide, the definitive resource for learning and reference material pertaining to Emergency Responder Communications Enhancement Systems (ERCES).

John currently serves on the TIA Smart Buildings Working Group and Public Safety Subgroup, the CTIA Smart Cities Steering Committee, IWCE Advisory Board, and the NATE DAS and Small Cell Working Group. John is also a certified ERCES instructor for the Florida State Fire College.

John has held key business development, operations, engineering, and executive roles at telecom service companies such as Level 3 Communications, MFS, and MCI. John was a co-founder of Nextlink (later named XO Communications) where he served as VP of Operations and Engineering and VP of International Network Development. John led dark fiber provider City Signal Communications in the position of President and CEO. John also served for five years in the role of Capture Director and engineering team lead for a leading DAS Integrator.

THURSDAY (3:50 pm – 4:30 pm)

'Q&A ROUNDTABLE'

GABRIEL REZA (Glendale Fire Dept.)

Gabriel Reza is with the Glendale Fire Department and holds the position of Fire Environmental Safety Specialist. He has been with the City of Glendale for 15 years and previously with the City of Los Angeles.

Gabriel is currently President of the Southern California Fire Prevention Officers Board of Directors and Chair of the ICC LA Basin Chapter Fire Life Safety Committee.

He holds over a dozen State Fire Marshal course certifications in all matters of related to fire prevention and hazardous materials.



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'Q&A ROUNDTABLE'

JON KAPIS (Coffman Engineers)

His experience spans over 40 years in the fire alarm industry with prominent manufacturers and fire protection engineering and consulting firms. He has been responsible for the development of fire alarm and life safety system curriculums and the development of regional training centers for the advancement of technical and engineering skills in the fire alarm industry.

He is involved with regulatory agencies to provide understanding of establish equivalent facilitation and compliance with codes and standards that affect the fire alarm industry, and he is an active member of NFPA and a Technical Committee Member for NFPA 72.

TIM SPEARS (So. San Joaquin County Fire Authority)

Tim began Fire Prevention career in 2005 as a Deputy State Fire Marshal with the State of Iowa, Department of Public Safety. In 2011 he transitioned to working as a Fire Marshal for the Estes Valley Fire Protection District, in Estes Park, Colorado, and eventually as a Fire Inspector/Investigator with the City of Colorado Springs.

While in California, Tim has served as the Fire Marshal for the Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District and Deputy Fire Marshal for the City of Modesto.

Tim has certifications as a Fire Inspector through the International Code Council and Fire Investigator through the National Association of Fire Investigators. He serves the President for Region I of the International Code Council and Vice President of the Northern California Fire Prevention Officers Association. He has a bachelor's degree in Investigations and a Master's in Public Administration from Bellevue University.

TRENT SCHAGER (CalFIRE OSFM)

Chief Trent Schager has over 15 years of experience in commercial and residential construction.

Chief Schager has served in the fire service for 17 years, and with CAL FIRE Office of the State Fire Marshal, Fire and Life Safety Division since 2021. Chief Schager is assigned to the Sacramento Office and is primarily responsible for providing leadership and guidance to field operations staff, plan review staff, and stakeholders as it relates to application of State Fire Marshal laws, regulations, and standards.

Chief Schager is a representative on multiple committees representing the Office of the State Fire Marshal related to EMS, Safety, and Training, and is on multiple Office of the State Fire Marshal Fire and Life Safety Division Training Cadres



CAFAA'S 52nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE

HILTON PALM SPRINGS HOTEL

February 3 & 4, 2022

SPEAKER BIO(s)

FRIDAY (8:00 am – 10:00 am)

'FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS CODE TRAINING BASED ON OCCUPANCY TYPES PER CA CODES CBC/CFC-2022 AND NFPA 72-2022'

SAGIV WEISS-ISHAI (San Francisco Fire Dept.)

- Senior Fire Protection Engineer, working for San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD) since 2007
- Code consultant for Hughes and Associates, Inc. 2002-2007
- Over 25 years of experience in Fire Protection Engineering: Consulting, Design, Training, Enforcement
- Principal AHJ member - NFPA 72 Technical Committee SIG-PRO since 2012 – Responsible for elevator controls
- AHJ Member on the national elevator safety Code ASME A17.1 – Emergency Operations and Hoistway Technical committees
- NFPA 72 and ASME A17.1 Task Group member on Fire Service Access Elevators (FSAEs) and Occupant Evacuation Elevators (OEEs) with Occupant Evacuation Operation (OEO)
- AHJ Member - California State Fire Alarm Code Advisory Committee.
- Chair of the elevator committee for the CA Existing Building Code.
- Fire Code Official on the California State - Building Fire and Other (BFO) Code Advisory Committee to the California Building Standards Commission.
- AHJ Member 2019-2020 CSFM Elevator Work Group for Changes in CBC-Chapter 30
- President - Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE) of the Nevada-Northern CA Chapter – NCN-SFPE 2008-2009
- Recipient of the CAFAA Nor-Cal AHJ of the year award -2020
- Speaker on fire and elevator codes topics in many national and CA state events for NFPA, SFPE, BOMA and CAFAA

FRIDAY (10:15 am—12:15 pm)

'FUNDAMENTALS OF SMOKE CONTROL DESIGN & TESTING 101'

MARK McQUAID (HR Kirkland)

Mark has been working in the construction industry for 35 years, focusing on life safety system design and installation work since 1990. He has experience in the design, installation, programming and testing of fire alarm and smoke control systems.

With a degree in Electrical Engineering, 11 years working as a fire alarm contractor, and over 20 years as a life-safety systems consulting engineer and smoke control system special inspector, Mark brings a wide range of experience to his projects.

Currently, Mark is the Operations Manager at the H.R. Kirkland Company where he manages the design and installation of fire alarm system annunciators and smoke control panels.