



MINNESOTA STATE FIRE MARSHAL DIVISION

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Day 1 – Tuesday, April 26			
7:00 – 8:00	Registration		
8:00 – 9:30	Welcome by Fire Marshal West and Commissioner Dohman Keynote Address-Pat Mieszala, RN “Fire Prevention in the US – A Blast from the Past...and Moving Forward”		
9:30 – 10:00	Morning Break		
	TRACK 1 FIRE PREVENTION	TRACK 2 FIRE CODE-OCCUPANCY	TRACK 3 FIRE INVESTIGATIONS
10:00 – 11:30	UL-Changing Environment of Residential Occupancies	R-2 Occupancy Requirements: All about the “Why”	Fire Investigations current topics
11:30 – 12:30	Lunch		
12:30 – 2:00	UL-Changing Environment of Residential Occupancies	R-2 Occupancy Requirements: All about the “Why”	Fire Investigations current topics
2:00 – 2 :30	Afternoon Break		
2:30 – 4:00	Bridging the Gap in Fire Prevention Through Partnerships.	R-2 Occupancy Requirements: All about the “Why”	Fire Investigations current topics
Day 2 – Wednesday, April 27			
7:00 – 8:00	Check in		
	TRACK 1 FIRE PREVENTION	TRACK 2 FIRE CODE-OCCUPANCY	TRACK 3 FIRE INVESTIGATIONS
8:00 – 9:30	What’s New at NFPA, and What’s in it FOR YOU	Assembly Occupancies-Bars, Barns, Churches and more.	Fire Investigations current topics
9:30 – 10:00	Morning Break		
10:00 – 11:30	LP Automotive Fuel Dispensing	Assembly Occupancies-Bars, Barns, Churches and more.	Fire Investigations current topics
11:30 – 12:30	Lunch		
12:30 – 2:00	NFPA - From Sandbox to Shuffleboard: Fire Safety Through the Years	Assembly Occupancies-Bars, Barns, Churches and more.	Fire Investigations current topics
2:00 – 2:30	Afternoon Break		
2:30 – 4:00	Understanding Fire Extinguisher Distribution Requirements	Assembly Occupancies-Bars, Barns, Churches and more.	Fire Investigations current topics



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DAY ONE April 26, 2016

8:00 to 9:30 General Session -

Welcome by Fire Marshal Bruce West and Commissioner of Public Safety Mona Dohman

Keynote: Pat Mieszala, RN, "Fire Prevention in the U.S. – A Blast from the Past...and Moving Forward!!"

TRACK 1 – FIRE PREVENTION

10:00 – 2:00, UL-The Changing Environment of Residential Fires.

Ron Farr, Underwriters Laboratory

The residential fire environment is changing. Light-weight construction along with interior fire spread and highly combustible contents are creating faster and hotter fires and much earlier failure of the structural components in homes. This decreases the available safe egress time from home fires which has gone from about 17 minutes in the 1970s to just over 3 minutes in modern furnished homes. This session will include videos from some of Underwriter's Laboratory's fire tests on legacy and modern homes and furnishings. It demonstrates the need for smoke alarms and residential sprinklers.

2:30 to 4:00, Bridging the Gap in Fire Prevention through Partnerships – A National Update!

Pat Mieszala, RN, President of Burn Concerns, National Consultant and Education Services

You are not alone!! In recent years, fire departments nationwide have an increased respect for the need and value of establishing partnerships to meet their fire prevention community responsibilities. This class will present an update on a number of national initiatives and resources that are available and in development for firefighters and the communities they serve. These programs and projects promote partnerships in achieving the common goal of reducing fires, and fire/burn injuries through collaborative work and the use of today's technology.

TRACK 2 – FIRE CODE

10:00 – 4:00 – R-2 Occupancy Requirements: All About the "Why"

Bob Rexeisen, Deputy State Fire Marshal

Inspecting apartment buildings can be challenging. This class will cover the MSFC requirements for Group R-2 occupancies. It will also cover the overall intent of the MSFC with an emphasis on Group R-2 occupancies. Understanding the intent along with the code language allows for a greater understanding of these challenges, both from the building and from the occupants.

TRACK 3 INVESTIGATIONS

10:00 – 4:00 Fire Investigations current topics: (more info as it becomes available)

Networking and social time after class in the hotel for those who can stay



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DAY TWO April 27, 2016

TRACK 1 - FIRE PREVENTION

8:00 – 9:30 - What's New at NFPA, and What's in it FOR YOU

Meredith Hawes, NFPA Regional Education Specialist

As part of NFPA's commitment to eliminate fire deaths and injuries through effective public education programs and information, NFPA strives to be the source for fire and life safety information. With help from their official mascot, Sparky the Fire Dog®, and their national outreach efforts, like our public education advisors, public education network, Safety Source e-newsletter, Remembering When™ program, Learn Not to Burn® programs, and their annual Fire Prevention Week campaign, NFPA is helping to make the world a safer place. Strategies are integrated throughout their programs to reach those at highest risk including young children, older adults, people in low-income communities and people with disabilities.

10:00-11:30 - LP Automotive Fuel Dispensing

Tom Jenson, Deputy State Fire Marshal

Liquefied petroleum gas (LP gas) has been around for many years as an alternative fuel for vehicles, mostly in fleet vehicle and company owned operations. Fuel dispensing has only been done by trained personnel at private fueling facilities— but that is about to change thanks to a code interpretation that will be adopted into the 2015 Minnesota State Fire Code.

This class will cover the code requirements found in the 2015 MN State Fire Code on LP dispensing. The class will include dispenser requirements, locations, operational requirements and training and much more.

12:30-2:00 - From Sandbox to Shuffleboard: Fire Safety Through the Years

Meredith Hawes, NFPA Regional Education Specialist

Have you ever been invited to speak to a group about fire safety and wondered, "What should I talk about?" This interactive session will provide data-driven guidance to educators who work with a variety of different age groups. Participants will learn about the prevalent fire risks across age groups and key characteristics to consider when planning instruction. They will also gain an in-depth knowledge of NFPA educational materials and be able to confidently select appropriate materials and strategies for audiences of different ages. Participants will leave the session ready to tailor fire prevention presentations to meet the needs of each audience.

2:30 – 4:00 - Understanding Fire Extinguisher Distribution Requirements

JR Nerat, Badger Fire Extinguisher

This presentation covers an overview of essential information associated with the proper selection, placement and distribution requirements for portable fire extinguishers. The presentation provides a broad overview of key fire extinguisher coverage requirements identified within various codes and standards. The presentation addresses essential fire extinguisher selection and distribution information in a way that every fire code official and building inspector can understand and use in the field.



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TRACK 2 – FIRE CODE-

8:00 – 4:00 - Assembly Occupancies; Bars, Barns, Churches and more.

Forrest Williams, Deputy State Fire Marshal Supervisor.

Jon Nisja, Deputy State Fire Marshal Supervisor.

Tom Jensen, Deputy State Fire Marshal, Code Specialist

Joe Faust, Deputy State Fire Marshal, School Inspector

Assembly occupancies have a wide range of characteristics. Coffee shops, restaurants, churches, community centers, night clubs, movie theaters, conference centers and arenas all fall within the Group A classification, but each type has its own unique challenges when evaluating code compliance. When things go wrong the potential for mass casualties is far more likely due to the number of occupants, so it's important for the code official to get it right. Topics include history and statistics, means of egress, occupant load calculations, fire protection features, interior finish, and other relevant issues such as the recent trend in barn-to-wedding venue conversions.

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