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Fire Prevention Officers Section
With great pleasure we, Janice Van Mullem, President of SOCAL FPO and Dwight Good, President of NORCAL FPO, provide a brief reflection on calendar year 2022.

In February 2022, members of both boards attended the CAAFA Conference in Palm Springs. We used the opportunity to provide a joint report, presented by our Past Presidents Ian Hardage (NORCAL) and Gabe Reza (SOCAL).

March 2022 marked the end of an era as our annual California Fire Prevention Institute (CFPI) met for the final time in Buellton. CFPI is the largest conference of its kind, and after more than two decades at the Buellton Marriott Conference Center, the FPOs outgrew the Buellton Marriott Conference Center and determined that it was time to move to a larger venue. While we were sad to leave the bucolic and rustic Buellton location, we are also looking forward to bringing the camaraderie and training opportunities to our new venue at the Santa Barbara Hilton Resort in 2023. We know that this fantastic new location will be a big hit with our members, allied organizations, sponsors, and vendors.

We honored a few wonderful individuals at CFPI in 2022. The SOCAL FPOs presented Kirk Greenwood (Johnson Controls/CAAFA) with the Mary Eriksen-Rattan Award, and Kevin Reinertson (CALFIRE/Riverside) with the William E Fox Award. The NORCAL FPOs presented Gale Bate (Ret) with the first ever Gale Bate Leadership Award and Susan Dowty (ICC) with Charlie Grey Award. Jointly, the North and South FPOs presented Raj Patel (City of Beverly Hills) with Building Official of the Year.

Jointly, our boards met several times to discuss some weighty issues including potential bylaw changes. We met in San Jose in July, where the NORCAL FPOs were able to show off a bit by hosting their monthly meeting oceanside at UC Santa Cruz.

Our Code Committees evaluated hundreds of code proposals and weighed in at the annual ICC Conference and Code Hearings in September 2022. We are so thankful to have such dedicated Code Committees that work together providing California a voice in model code development.

In September 2022, we jointly attended the California Fire Chief’s Association Conference, and provided a joint FPO report. Then in October 2022, we attended California Fire Chief’s annual Strategic Planning meeting, and shared insight into the continued success of their FPO Section.

We are proud of our organizations and how they adapted to COVID restrictions, keeping our Boards, Committees, and the general membership involved and engaged. It is what makes the California Fire Prevention Officers Section of the California Fire Chief’s Association a premier professional association and we couldn’t be more honored to have served as Presidents in 2022.

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Janice Van Mullem  
Fire Marshal  
Huntington Beach Fire Department  
SOCAL FPO President, 2022

Dwight Good  
Assistant Chief  
CAL FIRE Santa Clara Unit  
NORCAL FPO President, 2022
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This year, California Fire Prevention Institute (CFPI) was held in person. It was announced this was the last year the conference will be held in Buellton, CA. The code committee fully engaged with members for the entire week-long event.

The Code Committee was fully engaged with the International Code Development cycle, and we would like to thank the Code Committee members for their knowledge, experience, and time contributed to this important effort. We worked with our Southern California counterparts to evaluate code change proposals for the 2024 International Codes.

Committee Co-Chairs attended the ICC Group B Committee Action Hearings (CAH) in March which was held in Rochester, NY as well as the Public Comment Hearings in Louisville, KY in September.

The Code Committee supported several code change proposals. Here is a list of some of those proposals.

- RB20 - Building Integrated Photovoltaic SYSTEMS
- RB27 - PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) PANEL SYSTEM, GROUND-MOUNTED.
- RB88 - R309.6 Electric vehicle charging stations and systems. (NEW)
- RB149 - This proposal adds a requirement for reflective marking to be installed when photovoltaic systems are on the roof, to quickly identify to fire fighters where NOT to place a ladder for ventilation operations.
- RB150 - PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) SUPPORT STRUCTURE, ELEVATED. (New)
- RB155 - IRC R328.3.1, R328.4 Spacing and Locations of ESS
- RB156 - IRC R328.4 Locations
- RB159 - IRC R328.5 Energy Ratings

As described, we were successful in meeting our primary goals this year to maintain an active, effective, and ongoing presence in national and state code development processes, through participation, submission, review, attendance, and partnerships.

To increase member participation, the Code Committee continued efforts to recruit new Committee members that now include individuals from the fire service, building departments, and related design professional backgrounds. Committee members meet to stay involved and up to date with the code development process, as well as discuss additional pertinent issues facing the fire service and to cohesively work on Committee projects. The Code Committee continues to support the organization by suggesting training courses for California Fire Prevention Institute and training throughout the year to the appropriate committees.

We look forward to a productive and busy 2023. As your co-chairs, we would like to thank everyone who dedicated their time, effort, and knowledge to the Code Committee. It is your commitment, involvement, and expertise that come together for a successful and purposeful committee.

We would like to give a special thanks to the Northern California Fire Prevention Officers Executive Board for their continued support and leadership!
Under the leadership of Adria Reinertson and Kevin Reinertson, the Code Committee proposes and evaluates changes to the model codes including the International Fire Code, Building Code, and Residential Code. The committee is also active in the State Fire Marshal rulemaking process as well as in local code adoption workshops and committees.

**2022 GOALS**

1. To actively participate in the ICC Public Comment Hearings for the development of the 2024 International Residential Code and the Admin Hearings.
2. To provide information and technical resources to the SoCalFPO board as requested throughout the year.
3. To continue work on the reorganization of Chapter 57 for proposal to the 2027 IFC.

**2022 OBJECTIVES**

We plan to accomplish these goals by:

- Coming together as a committee monthly and as necessary to accomplish our goals.
- Proposing necessary changes to the International codes.
- Monitoring and establishing positions on all code change proposals that affect the fire service.
- Collaborating with our counterparts in the north to present a common voice at code hearings.
- Providing public comments, testimony, and votes as necessary through the code development cycle.
- Having a representative of the committee present at general membership meetings.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Participated in the ICC Group B Public Comment Hearings in Louisville, KY for the development of the 2024 International Residential Code and the Admin provisions.
- Developed working draft proposals to the 2027 IFC including reorganization of Chapters 57 and 23.
- Provided information and technical resources to the SoCal FPO board as requested throughout the year.

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**CO-CHAIRS**

Adria Reinertson  
Murrieta Fire and Rescue

Kevin Reinertson  
Riverside County Fire/Office of the Fire Marshal

Mark Dossett  
UC San Diego

The Code Committee meets virtually on the fourth Thursday of each month, unless otherwise announced. We welcome participation from anyone interested in joining this dynamic and productive committee.
2022/2023 saw two new co-chairs, Isaac Mendel of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department and Rik Drury of the Sprinkler Fitters Local 483, take the lead of the Fire Equipment and Devices Committee at the California Fire Prevention Institute held in Buellton in March 2022.

In the spirit of coordination, collaboration, and efficiency, the committee work with the Southern California committee and Executive Boards of both the North and South the officially meet as a combined committee monthly. In addition, the committee worked to increase participation and boost its membership roster.

With changes to safety protocols, the committee was able to represent the Northern California Fire Prevention officers in person at several meetings of professional organizations.

CO-CHAIRS

Isaac Mendel
Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department

Rik Drury
Sprinkler Fitters Local 483
The SoCal Fire Protection Equipment and Devices Committee meets monthly under the leadership of retired Fire Marshal Scott Corrin and Alvin Cuna. This active committee is a blend of fire department and industry personnel with the goal of enhancing our relationships with the California State Fire Marshal’s Office, their respective advisory committees, NFPA, ICC and various industry stakeholders that have a direct impact on issues related to fire protection equipment and also the development of future codes and standards as they relate to Fire Prevention.

Two deliverables created and distributed were handouts regarding 1) CPVC compatibility issues and 2) Code requirements for security turnstiles. The target audience of these handouts is both fire inspectors and contractors.

Additional ongoing discussions and topics being addressed:

- Development of ITM requirements for “junior” or “limited area” sprinkler systems
- Monitoring and discussion of water-based systems performance issues
- Discussions related to ERRCS use/misuse; considering guideline document
- Preparation for new code provisions of required 2-way communication systems for building evacuation refugees.
- Evaluating IP based, web purchased, Home Protection Systems for potential fire service response issues.
- Evaluation of technology changes related to POTS/VOIP/CELL fire system monitoring, secondary power demands.

The SoCal Fire Protection Equipment and Devices Committee meets monthly via Zoom on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am. We welcome additional fire service and industry participation to join and collaborate with this committee. Members from

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**CO-CHAIRS**

Scott Corrin  
Retired

Alvin Cuna  
Beverly Hills Fire Department
NorCal Fire Service Education Committee continue to seek training opportunities to provide updates on the newly adopted California Codes and Regulations as well as revisions to the newly adopted standards. Monitor trends and innovations in new technology and provide training and education opportunities to meet the education and awareness needs of our membership. Continue to seek partnerships in education that will assist in providing high quality training and education while meeting the economic challenges and needs of our membership. Continue to provide training that will enable our members to systematically complete the California Fire Service Training and Education System Fire Prevention Certification Courses and improve general knowledge on building construction and maintenance, fire prevention systems and methods. Continue to participate and manage the ICC Preferred Provider Program. During this past year, the Fire Service Education Committee will have facilitating approximately 12 classes with a wide diversity of subject matter primarily on newly adopted state codes and standards and promoted a dozen or more other training opportunities offered from other statewide organizations and training groups.

The primary goal of the Fire Service Education Committee is to “Identify education and training needs of fire service and private fire prevention industry professionals and stakeholders, strategically plan, promote and manages classes and seminars with the goal of improving the skills, knowledge and technical understanding of fire prevention and fire protection codes, regulations, and technology.”

CO-CHAIRS

Patricia Koch
Central County Fire Department

Ian Hardage
South San Francisco Fire Department
Fire Service Education Committee strategically plans, promotes, and manages classes and seminars with the goal of improving the skills, knowledge, and technical understanding in a wide diversity of subject matter. We continue to seek partnerships in education that will assist in providing high quality training and education while meeting the economic challenges and needs of our members. During 2022, classes were offered in a variety of formats to meet the dynamic needs of our members. Classes were held in-person, virtually, and in hybrid format. We are grateful for the time our instructors committed to educating our members.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Below is a list of the topics presented and hosted by the Fire Service Education Committee

- Fire pump plan review webinar
- Local Code Adoption for the 2022 CA Codes
- AH-221: Damage Inspection Specialist (DINS)
- Fire & Life Safety Inspection of Residential Occupancies
- NFPA’s Assessing Structure Ignition Potential from Wildfire
- 2-way Communications Systems: The Coming Evolution
- Residential Sprinkler Basics
- Significant Changes to the 2022 California Fire Code

**LOOKING AHEAD TO 2023**

Classes planned for 2023 include:

- Statutes and Regulations hosted at the following locations:
  - Riverside | March 21-22
  - Torrance | May 16-17
  - La Mesa | September 20-21
- Lithium Ion Batteries 101

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**CO-CHAIRS**

Nicole Pesqueira  
El Segundo Fire Department

Jason Nailon  
San Marcos Fire Department
In 2022, the Hazardous Materials Committee reviewed hazardous materials-related code change proposals being considered at the state or national level. Co-Chair Hall worked closely with the Fire and Building Code Committee Co-Chairs from the North and South FPOs to review ICC Group B proposals and provide recommendations. Hall has also participated in initial discussions on reorganization of IFC, Chapter 57 (Flammable Liquids) for modifications to the 2027 IFC.

Both Co-Chairs Hall and LaBerge regularly worked with the NorCal Legislative committee to review and provide feedback on proposals being reviewed in the California legislature that may affect Fire Service.

Committee Co-Chair Hall served as a principal and fire prevention enforcer on the NFPA 45 (Standard on Fire Protection for Laboratories Using Chemicals) Technical Committee. Hall attended the Second Draft meeting in April 2022.

Committee Co-Chair LaBerge served as a principal enforcer on NFPA 400 (Hazardous Materials Code), and NFPA 101 (Life Safety Code), both of which had formal meetings in 2022. Co-Chair LaBerge also provided 11 proposals for revisions to IFC Chapter 39 Plant Processing and Extraction. Co-Chair LaBerge is also a primary voting member and content developer for the new standard NFPA 420 Fire Protection for Cannabis Cultivation, Extraction, and Processing Facilities, which is currently under development with a target publication date of 2025.

The Committee continued its efforts and ongoing goal to increase member participation and recruit new members. Member attendance and participation is slowly growing during in person meetings. We are committed to encouraging and inspiring new fire service members to participate in this important Technical Committee.
The Cal Chiefs Legislative Committee reviews all California legislation that is introduced in the Senate and Assembly. Cal Chiefs has joined with the Fire Districts Association of California (FDAC) and created a joint legislative task force (TF) to better address statewide legislative needs. Regular full meetings of the TF are held to discuss recommended positions on each bill. Positions taken are “Support,” “Oppose” or “Watch.” Once consensus is reached on each bill, the positions are then presented to their respective eBoard for final approval. As bills are constantly amended and Cal Chiefs is contacted for support on bills, these specific bills are sent via email to the committee members for feedback and possible modification of the previously adopted position.

After a flurry of activity, the California State Legislature adjourned the 2021-22 Legislative Session at 1:30 a.m. on September 1st. Most of the measures that remain active in this report have been submitted to Governor Newsom for further action. The Governor has until September 30th to sign, veto or allow the bill to become law without signature. Unless otherwise designated, the bills he signs will take effect on January 1, 2023.

California emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic with vigor this Session. Nearly 4,500 pieces of legislation were introduced and many of those affected the Fire Service and were monitored by the Joint Legislative Task Force. In addition, the Legislature passed a package of 2022-23 Budget measures totaling more than $300 billion, a new record. Much like last year, a large surplus in state coffers led to another round of robust spending for fire prevention, mitigation and suppression programs supported by CFCA and FDAC, and funding for many local fire department projects at the request of local legislators.

The Joint Legislative Task Force tracked, analyzed, and made recommendations on hundreds of bills of relevance to the Fire Service. Task Force Chair, Jeff Willis and Vice Chair, Ted Peterson maintained tight agendas and provided expert situational analysis and recommendations, which allowed the respective Boards the ability to make timely and decisive decisions leading to another successful legislative year in 2022. With Lori Jessell’s move to the NORCAL executive board this year, Rocque Yballa returns to the committee to bring continuity to the program and to train another individual coming on to the committee, past NorCal FPO President, Amber Anderson.

**CO-CHAIRS - NORTH**

Jessica Power  
Petaluma Fire Department

Lori Jessell  
UC San Francisco

CO-CHAIRS - SOUTH

Kevin Reinertson  
Riverside County Fire/Office of the Fire Marshal

Janice Van Mullem  
Huntington Beach Fire Department
GOALS & OBJECTIVES:

• Continue an active presence on the CalChiefs Legislative Task Force
• Coordinate FPO input on proposed legislation
• Provide reports at general membership FPO meetings to membership
• Support efforts for FPO Certification bill.
• Work with partners on the FPO Certification bill, which was placed on hold (2021). This bill will continue to be high priority for the FPOs, and will be Leg Committee's focus to gain support of the Task Force and CalChiefs.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

• Focus on large number of WUI bills, written as addressing “climate change” addressing two main areas:
  o Fire prevention issues
  o Funding and insurance issues
• Collaborated with CA Building Officials, CA Building Industry Association to address concerns with ADU's and JADU's and grater housing density bills
• Tracking bills that may impact residential fire sprinklers
The Marketing and Membership Committee’s purpose is to create public awareness of the Northern California Fire Prevention Officers and to promote the growth of the organization’s membership. Additionally, the Committee also spotlights members, committees, and events within the organization to encourage participation and involvement. The committee is co-chaired by Rocque Yballa, with the University of California, San Francisco’s fire prevention, and Kevin Chan, with CAL FIRE - Office of the State Fire Marshal.

While 2021 was relatively stagnant with virtual meetings, we saw a long-awaited return to in-person meetings in Spring of 2022. Besides seeing old familiar faces, we had an influx of new participants from both the public sector as well as industry, providing a ripe opportunity for the Committee to perform outreach that did not seem possible just a year before. New attendees were warmly greeted and introduced to the benefits of joining an organization like the Fire Prevention Officers, where they would have access to resources such as subject matter experts, a cooperative environment, and access to valuable training and education.

The focus of the Committee this year was to re-engage with in-person recruitment, giving new attendees more personal time. We continued outreach to attract new FPO’s from the areas where meetings were being held. This year was also the return of the NorCal FPO’s newsletter, aptly named the “Fire Pit” to recognize the tradition of exchanging ideas after hours around a fire pit at the California Fire Prevention Institute meetings held in Buellton.

CO-CHAIRS

Rocque Yballa
University of California, San Francisco

Kevin Chan
CAL FIRE, Office of the State Fire Marshal
The Northern California Public Education Committee aims to educate the public on preventing fires and injuries before they occur. Public Education personnel serve as a vital link between the fire department and the community. Public Education committee meetings introduce members to the latest and greatest fire and injury prevention information and programs.

Committee members meet monthly to exchange information on local, state, and national fire and life safety outreach programs. Committee meetings typically consist of a guest speaker or member presentation, committee business items and roundtable time. During the roundtable, each attendee shares what their department is working on, challenges they face and events occurring in their community. This exchange of ideas was extremely valuable in 2022 as there is typically only one staff person assigned to public education in each department. The NorCal Public Education Committee holds meetings on the second Wednesday of every month from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm via Zoom. Due to several members having a conflict with that week a motion was made to move the meetings to the third Wednesday of every month to increase attendance. This motion was approved and passed.

Below are the Public Education Committee’s 2022 Goals and a summary of the year’s work:

**GOAL #1: INCREASE MEMBERSHIP**

1. Continued to identify who is current on the member list and update membership contact information
2. Continued increase Membership with a multi-strategic outreach
3. Continue to use Zoom Meetings to increase attendance at meetings
4. Engage membership in delegating task and action items
5. Continue to utilize website and monthly announcements post meetings
6. Utilize Nor Cal FPO social media for Public Education messaging

2022 proved to still be a challenge with schools and facilities still not fully open to the public. We continued with ZOOM meetings instead of in person meetings due to COVID. The attendance has continued to increase with the utilization of zoom. Our members are more engaged than they have been in the past.

The newsletter that was created in 2018 has continued to grow and be and updated by Co-Chair Rebecca Alessandri. The professionalism and content continue to receive incredible compliments.

**GOAL #2: CREATE STANDARDIZED MESSAGING**

Our main goal as a committee continued from 2018 for to create standardization for some of the topics that as Public Educators, we teach daily. The three topics that were chosen were, (1) Stop Drop and Roll, (2) Two Ways Out, and (3) Smoke Alarms.

1. Work with committee members on age-appropriate topics utilizing curriculum specialist, child and adult development specialist, using data and statistician and NFPA guidelines
2. Recommend “Turnkey programs” or existing programs that highlight public education topics previously agreed upon by the committee
3. Identify senior and elderly prevention programs and messaging

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We had set to continue this path to continue or work on this. We worked with NFPA and we continue to support the EMAC and stress that it is the basis of what our current messaging should be based off. The EMAC is a vetted guideline that is not only used in CA, but Nationally putting CA in line with all the other Fire and Life Safety Educators.

GOAL #3: TRAININGS AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

1. Offer a Public Education Educator
2. Offer Public Education Specialist for CFPI
3. Offer Membership the opportunity to attend conferences
4. Offer the CRRs class.

We had hoped to offer one more Community Educator class 2023 prior to CFPI. Unfortunately, there was not enough time and lack of interest. Co-Chair Laurel Schamber was invited to assist in the planning of CFPI 2023. CFPI will continue to provide a PUB ED/CRR track for the conference.

The Specialist class has been submitted with changes required under the leadership of Chief Robert Marshal. The curriculum was approved by OSFM and is being offered for the very first time at CFPI 2023.

The committee anticipates attending CFPI 2023 and Conference of the Rockies 2023.

ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

This was another year of challenges due to COVID. As co-chairs feel we were able to find and provide information to assist our committee in providing current and ever-changing ways of delivering our safety messages. The challenge continued challenge for this committee was burn out from the prior years of adjusting to COVID. Another challenge is that after COVID there are less people doing the same jobs. That there is simply no time being allotted for Public Education/Community Risk Reduction by departments. The goal of the co-chairs is to try to educate those in the chain of command and remind them of the importance of CRR. Co-Chair Laurel Schamber continues to lead Northern CA in the turnkey school program “Sound Off” and participate as a Pilot Program to Northern CA. The teams in this program have begun to fulfill our requirements Richmond Fire, Sacramento City Fire, Woodland Fire and Cosumnes Fire. It is the goal that the pilot program will be offered to more fire departments in 2023. The NorCal Public Education Committee continues to send out a monthly newsletter, emails of new immediate interest and collecting public education news items from around the country. Continued increase of participation of members has also been a focus.

CO-CHAIRS

Laurel Schamber
Cosumnes Fire Department

Rebecca Alessandri
Fire Fighters Burn Institute,
The SOCAL Public Education Committee meets monthly to brainstorm and share ideas to better serve the public through education to motivate behavior change with the goal of keeping people safe, and to prevent fires and adverse events. Meetings include roundtable discussion to share success stories, provide advice and share resources. Each meeting features a guest speaker to present on a specific topic. In June 2022, the Committee Chair, Alexandra Solano, attended the NFPA Annual Conference in Boston to participate in the SOPE (Spotlight on Public Education) program.

COMMITTEE GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- Provide training fire service educators to better serve the public. Topics include new technologies and hazards as well as existing safety messaging
- Revamp Public Education to reflect the new housing trends & prevention technologies
- Meet once a month via zoom with two in person hybrid meetings; increase participation in these monthly meetings. Identify monthly topics that are pertinent to public education.
- Encourage behavior change within our respective communities by effectively implementing the five E’s (Education, Engineering, Enforcement, Economic Incentive and Emergency Response.)
- Streamline prevention topics that are pertinent to the public.
- Collaborate with Nor. Cal Public Education Committee.
- Immediately address national safety threats that could have an impact in Southern California.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Below is a list of the topics presented and discussed at the monthly Committee meetings:

- Kids Summer Safety- Helmet Safety & Drowning Prevention- Presented by CHOC/ Safe Kids Orange County
- WAVE Video Presentation – How to use and create videos
- Burn Awareness – Presented by the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation
- Apartment Smoke Alarms/High Rise Buildings
- AB-38 High Fire Severity Zone Inspection & WUI Education
- OCAIC- Fusion Center (Overview & Safety) Presented by Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center
- Public Educator Safety – Roundtable discussion
- NFPA- Fire Prevention week- Presented by Ray Bizal (NFPA)
- Fire Prevention & Fall Prevention – Presented by UCI Burn Center & OC Area Agency on Aging
- Holiday Safety Tips for the public

In 2023 the Public Education Committee will continue to meet monthly via Zoom, typically on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month at 9 am. We welcome anyone interested to join these educational meetings.
In 2022, the Wildland Urban Interface Committee engaged in the International WUI Code Task Force, assisted the Society of Fire Protection Engineers with defensible space and building construction education, reviewed and commented on Assembly and Senate Bills, and assisted the Board Of Forestry with Zone 0 defensible space regulations.

The Society of Fire Protection Engineers received a grant from FEMA to create a website that will help teach defensible space inspectors how to assess structures and defensible space from the perspective of a Fire Protection Engineer. Part of this process included inviting local fire inspectors and fire marshals to Detroit to review the website and make suggestions. Ryan was selected to be one of the inspectors to evaluate the website. The website will be available by the end of 2023 and Ryan will share a link to the website with our membership.

The North and South WUI Committees have been working closely together by assisting each other with task force attendance and monthly meetings. Zoom has assisted with this endeavor by allowing meetings to be attended by anywhere. WUI Committee meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month at 10:00am and all NorCal members are welcome to join. Please email one of us to have your email added to the list.

At our monthly NorCal meetings, the Co-Chairs commit themselves to keeping our community up to date with the discussions that are occurring across the state regarding Wildland Urban Interface policy, construction, education, defensible space, and software. We worked through challenges of access roads in existing communities, 5-foot zone requirements around structures, inspection software, defensible space on vacant lots, and defensible space around ADUs. We will continue to do our best to assist this group with all issues WUI related.

CO-CHAIRS

Marco Mack
Central Fire District of Santa Cruz County

Ryan Boykin
South Marin Fire District
The SoCal WUI Committee has been very active under the leadership of Foster McLean and Jeremy Cawn. The Committee is focused on code development, training, and monitoring of legislation and code changes. The Committee continues to be very active in code and standards development with the chairs and members actively involved in OSFM and Board of Forestry work groups. Over the past year the committee has enjoyed frequent collaboration with our counterparts in the north and look forward to the ongoing partnership in the coming year.

The committee had multiple discussions on the direction to take the WUI Committee for 2022. It was determined to best meet the needs of the membership and to stay abreast of the multiple changes in the world of wildland urban interface the following topics would be the goals the committee would focus on:

• Develop guides for Hardening/Defensible space inspections
• Review and comment on new and upcoming legislation
• Provide guidance on interpreting/implementing new laws and regs
• Gather input on administering a wildfire prevention program/code enforcement
• Discuss wildfire behavior and its challenges

2022 was a landmark year for WUI with the number of proposed changes WUI regulations, codes, and standards. The committee was very active in meetings, research, and discussions on how to comply with these new and proposed requirements. Some of the highlights for this year include:

• Actively following and providing comments on the following:
  o BOF State Minimum Fire Safe Regulations (Title 14 changes)
  o BOF 0-5 Foot Zone 0 defensible space requirements
  o OSFM IWUIC workgroup
  o ICC 605 Multi-Hazard Resiliency for Residential Construction standard committee
  o CalFire FHSZ Maps
• Discussing development of guide for Hardening/Defensible space inspections based on the new regulations (Title 14 and Zone 0) and information on native vegetation/protected species.
• Created a subgroup within the WUI committee to provide information to the group on defensible space inspections, native and regional vegetation, landscape plan review, regionally allowable landscape plantings, etc. (basically an expansion on our committee goal we have been discussing under existing business).
• Coordinated a training class with the NFPA on Assessing Structure Ignition Potential in Riverside, CA.

The Committee meets monthly via Zoom on the 4th Wednesday from 10:00 am to 11:30 am and is open to participants from NorCal in addition to SoCal.
Charles H. Gray served as fire marshal for the City of Santa Rosa Fire Department located in Sonoma County, California. He was a long-time member of the California Fire Chiefs’ Association Fire Prevention Officers’ Section – Northern Division and rose up through the chairs to hold the office of president in 1977.

Chief Gray contributed his time and talents to the betterment of the Association by promoting fire and life safety through code development processes and throughout the community. As a tribute to his dedicated service, the Charles H. Gray Memorial Fund Service Award and Scholarship program was established.

The goal of the fund is to promote, recognize, and foster dedicated service in the field of fire prevention. An annual award is given to recognize one member of the Association who has exemplified the aforementioned goals. Additional awards and scholarships may be made as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors. Scholarships and grants are available through an application process. Successful proposals are ones that best meet the intent and guidelines of the foundation.

### PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE CHARLES H. GRAY MEMORIAL FUND SERVICE AWARD:

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### MOST RECENT SCHOLARSHIP GRANT RECIPIENTS:

- 2012: Isaac Mendel
- 2017: Cary Yballa

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2021 CHARLES H. GRAY SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT, SUSAN DOWTY.
The newly established Gale Bate Leadership Award is presented annually by the California Fire Prevention Officers Northern Division Board of Directors to recognize career achievements by an individual who has demonstrated exceptional leadership and longstanding dedication in support of the association mission.

This prestigious award honors the over 50 years and continued commitment Gale Bate has provided in his unwavering leadership to the California Fire Prevention Officers Association. Gale did not have the opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors or President of the association, but has proven leaders are present, accountable, and trustworthy, but more so, leaders can come from, and lead from, anywhere.

**2021 GALE BATE LEADERSHIP AWARDEE**

For the inaugural year of this award, we are honored to present the Gale Bate Leadership Award to none other than Gale Bate. Congratulations, Gale!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2021 GALE BATE LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT, GALE BATE.
William E. Fox joined Inglewood Fire Department on September 1, 1939. He spent 29 years, from September 1, 1940 to January 1, 1969, as an officer in the Fire Prevention Office. He was promoted to Battalion Chief, serving to July 17, 1971 when he retired. His commitment to teaching the public to be safe from fire, earned him the affectionate titles of “Mr. Inglewood” and “Mr. Fire Prevention” among the young people and citizens of the community.

Captain Fox was president in 1948-1950 of the Harbor District Fireman’s Association and was president in 1949-1950 of the Southern California Conference of Fire Prevention Inspectors. He helped organize the California Conference of Arson Investigators and was President from 1957-1958. He also assisted organizing the Fire Prevention Section of California Fire Chiefs’ Association and served as president.

Aside from his fire service involvement, Captain Fox served 29 years on the Inglewood Employees Credit Union, serving six years as president. He was an active member of the Optimists, Elks, and Junior Chamber of Commerce; served on committees for the YMCA; assisted in awarding scholarships, and serving as president for the American Field Service Organization (AFS); member and president of his local Red Cross Chapter; and served on the Board of Directors of the Centinela Valley Historical Society.

The Award was created to exemplify outstanding efforts and development in the field of fire prevention.

This year, the William E. Fox award was given to Randy Metz.

**PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE WILLIAM E. FOX AWARD:**

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**THE AWARD STATES:**

*In recognition of outstanding leadership, vision and continued dedication to the fire service and the causes of life safety and fire protection.*
Mary Eriksen-Rattan started her professional life by earning a bachelor’s degree in psychology in 1966 from Fort Hayes State College and becoming a certified medical technician.

Not satisfied with that profession, Mrs. Eriksen-Rattan went on to obtain various credentials in fire protection, including certification in fire protection engineering and a lifetime teaching credential in fire science from UCLA. She taught fire science at El Camino College in Torrance, California, and taught courses on building construction for hazardous materials at University California Irvine, San Diego State University, and Oregon State University.

She was working for an El Segundo fire alarm company when the city of El Segundo hired her as a fire plan reviewer, which eventually led to her appointment as fire marshal – one of the first females to hold that title in the country. After marrying, Mrs. Eriksen-Rattan moved to La Mesa, California, where she opened a fire prevention consulting business in 1984, specializing in provisions of the Uniform Fire and Building Codes. She maintained that business until five days before her passing on March 7, 2006.

Mrs. Eriksen-Rattan distinguished herself throughout her varied career. Among her many accomplishments, she chaired the Uniform Fire Code Article 80 (hazardous materials) Rewrite Committee, and co-wrote A User’s Guide to Article 80 in 1991. More noteworthy than her resume, however, was her reputation as a problem-solver and perfectionist who was endlessly driven. But above all, Mrs. Eriksen-Rattan was known as an authority who always made herself available to assist her fellow fire prevention colleagues with applying the codes fairly and accurately.

The Mary Eriksen-Rattan Award was created to recognize those special fire prevention professionals who represent the technical ability, sound leadership, and endless drive that Mary possessed. This is a special recognition which is only awarded when a person meeting the criteria is identified.

PAST MARY ERIKSEN-RATTAN AWARD RECIPIENTS:

2006    Mary Eriksen-Rattan
2009    Penny Overstreet-Murphy
2012    Rolland Crawford
2013    Kevin Scott
2015    Don Oaks
2016    Elley Klausbruckner
2017    Adria Reinerton
2019    Mark Dossett
2022    Kirk Greenwood
BUILDING OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Building Official of the Year is a joint SoCal/NorCal FPO award to a Building Official who is recognized for their contributions toward leadership and code compliance in fire prevention regarding the developed environment in California.

2021 BUILDING OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR AWARDEE

Congratulations to the 2021 Building Official of the Year award recipient, Raj Patel.
MISSION STATEMENT

TO PROMOTE THE PROTECTION OF LIFE, PROPERTY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT FROM EFFECTS OF FIRE AND OTHER HAZARDOUS EVENTS THROUGH EDUCATION, ENGINEERING, AND ENFORCEMENT