

CALIFORNIA FIRE PREVENTION OFFICERS 2012 ANNUAL REPORT



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The 2012 CFPI Banquet kicked off a year of new beginnings, a change of administration, and a change in the way of doing things. This 'new era' was evident with the swearing in of the new boards for North and South by the new president of Cal Chiefs. We also witnessed the introduction of the first new Cal Chiefs' president in almost five years, Demetrious Schaffer; Cal Chiefs' new executive director, Eric Dutton; Cal Fire's new director Ken Pimlott; and of course the appointment of one of our own to State Fire Marshal, Tonya Hoover. With a new administration there sometimes comes new direction, new focus, or new energy. As presidents, we immediately felt the energy for this new vision on how we would operate as sections within our parent organization. The California Fire Chiefs Associations webpage now is adorned with their new mission statement:



CFCA Mission Statement

"To strengthen and advocate for the California Fire Service through leadership, unity, and collaboration."

With this new direction and clarification, we will strive to ensure that both Fire Prevention Officers' Sections, North and South, work in unison to be true to our Mission Statement.

During 2012, the North and South had several opportunities to work closely together. In April, representatives from the code committees and the executive boards met in Dallas for the ICC Code Hearings, the first step in developing the 2015 International Building Code.

Simultaneously, a representative from each board attended the Vision 20/20 Symposium in Reston, Virginia. In July, the joint boards convened in Santa Cruz for a day long workshop to demonstrate to the boards that we were working collaboratively. Items discussed included the FPO website, a statewide member online discussion list, revisions to the strategic plan, and the development of NFPA 1730, Standard on Organization and Deployment of Code Enforcement, Plan Review, Fire Investigation, and Public Education Operations to the Public.

Other activities included the public education committees meeting together with the State Fire Marshal and Underwriters Laboratory to discuss a marketing strategy for smoke alarms, the joint boards working closely together on Legislative issues such as fireworks, and coming together at the ICC Annual Business Meeting and Final Action Hearings for the 2012 IBC.

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This year at the ICC Annual Business Meeting, during the Cracker Barrel luncheon, the featured speaker was Jason Ryan Dorsey, "The GenY Guy". He gave an entertaining presentation on various generations including the fact that now is the first time in history that four generations are concurrently in the workplace (Traditionalists, Baby Boomers, Gen X, and Gen Y). He began his presentation pleading the Baby Boomers not to retire. They have a particular skill set that will be lost once they retire. In retrospect, we can all see the changes that our profession has experienced in the last 20 years. It's no mystery that many of those changes were implemented by the dedicated members of this organization. What will we say 20 years from today: "Remember when"? Will it be about backflow prevention devices? Sprinklers not tied into toilets? Or, fire alarms that don't activate your smart phones?

Every day we strive to improve the way we do business to be more effective, more efficient, and more productive. Future effort should focus on marketing and public education. The result of catastrophic fires is well documented and the advantages of fire sprinklers and fire alarms are indisputable. Why, who, and what are we battling to make these systems a part of our everyday life? It's easy to blame costs for slow adoption of these protective measures – but we believe that the argument has already been won; won but not adopted. The challenges in most everything we do is no longer a matter of proving right versus wrong. It is now marketing what we have learned, marketing the impacts, and marketing the facts. We need to shift the paradigms that are out there to accept the reality that safety is a benefit of cost.

As for the future, SoCal and NorCal are looking to create a strategic plan that seeks to lay out the direction of the organization for the next five years by building in marketing strategies, succession planning, and goal-based tasks. The original plan was developed for NorCal FPO in 2008. Many things have changed since then, and the plan will reflect these changes and attempt to capture them in a concise, efficient, usable document for future board members and members of both FPO divisions.



(Left to Right) Rocque J. Yballa, Chief Demetrius Schaffer, Adria Smith

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The Building Standards Committee experienced a change in co-chairs this year with the appointment of Robert Marshall to the NorCal Board, and Rian Evitt of San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District as the new co-chair.

This year the Building Standards Committee worked on various projects supporting the national and state code development processes as well as general membership interests. In working cohesively with our SoCal Code Committee representatives, Committee members attended the ICC Code Committee Hearings in Dallas, TX as well as the ICC Final Action Hearings in Portland, OR. Cal Chiefs was successful in getting a proposal regarding the occupancy use of tutoring centers approved through the entire hearing process.

In an effort to increase member participation, the Building Standards Committee continued efforts to recruit new committee members that now includes members from the fire service, building departments, and related design professional backgrounds. Committee members met to keep involved and up to date with the code development process as well as to discuss additional pertinent issues facing the fire service.

2013 Goals:

1. Continue to participate in the state's and national code development processes.
2. Strengthen the alliance between the fire and building code committees during the code development process; assist the Fire Code Committee, as needed, with ICC code proposal reviews.
3. Recruit new committee members, retain regular committee members and encourage their participation in the committee's activities.
4. Provide support to the Fire Service Education Committee by providing training opportunities.
5. Strengthen the cooperation between the north and south code committees.



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Although 2012 was a relatively quiet year for our committee, the change in the ICC schedule for code development allowed our committee to further focus on the State adoption process and to participate on SFM work groups.

Co-chair Amber Anderson continued serving on the OSFM Fire Retardant Advisory Committee. The Committee wrapped up their meetings earlier this year and we are eagerly waiting for the end product to be revealed by OSFM.

Co-chair Ian Hardage continues to maintain the California Fire Inspector's Guidebook, receiving comments, edits and recommendations for future guidebooks. The next update process will begin in 2013 for a January 2014 debut.

Looking back to 2011, the Title 19 and CFC work presented to OSFM for inclusion in the code adoption process is being realized in 2012 for a January 1, 2014 implementation. Suggested changes from the Fire Code Committee in collaboration with OSFM were well received and many of the recommendations are currently in review by the Building Standards Commission. A very big thank you goes out to Kevin Reinertson and Diane Arend for their guidance, assistance, and support in our endeavors.

In the next year we will prepare ourselves and the organization for the up-coming code development hearings. With the OSFM code adoption process winding down and the ICC Group B hearings fast approaching, the committee has already begun formulating and vetting proposal ideas for submission to ICC. With some great advice from both the north and the south committees involved in the Group A hearings, we hope to streamline and improve documentation of the review process to the organization's benefit.

As always, we continue our efforts to update and provide information on our organization's web page and strive to support our fellow committee co-chairs, colleagues, and partnerships.

In addition, we hope to accomplish the following goals despite the very busy 2013 year ahead.

2013 Goals:

1. Successfully engage in the ICC Group B hearings for the 2015 IFC through attendance, participation, collaboration, and support.
2. Update the California Fire Inspector's Guide for January 2014 implementation.
3. Maintain and provide content for the Fire Code Committee web page.
4. Maintain good communication and support with fellow committees.
5. Maintain relationships established with other organizations and continue striving for new partnerships.

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

Last but not least, we want to thank the Executive Board for their continued support.



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Ian Hardage, Amber Anderson

Fire Code Committee

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The SoCal Fire Code Committee meets at the Orange County Fire Authority headquarters on the fourth Thursday of each month. The 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. The Committee members come from as far north as Ventura and as far south as San Diego.

This past year was an extremely busy for the Committee members! We started the year by submitting a code proposal to the International Code Council (ICC) for the 2015 International Building Code concerning classifying tutoring centers as B Occupancies, which was ultimately successful at the Final Action Hearings in late October. Fire Code Committee members then evaluated, in coordination with our friends in the north, approximately 800 code proposals from code officials, architects, and industry professionals from all over the country. Fire Code Committee members were present when these proposals were heard in Dallas, TX in May and voted on by the ICC membership in Portland, OR in October.

In the midst of the national code development cycle, the Committee also worked closely with the State Fire Marshal's (SFM) Office on the rulemaking package for adoption of the 2013 California Fire and Building Codes. This gave the Committee members an opportunity to review the regulations that were developed as a result of the SFM taskforces over the past three years, i.e. the smoke alarm task force and high-rise task force, and provide feedback to the SFM.

Closing 2012 is the start of a busy 2013, as we will be submitting proposals to ICC for the 2015 International Fire Code and preparing for the adoption of the 2013 California Codes, assisting local jurisdictions as needed.



Fire Equipment and Devices Committee

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2012 Year in Review

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- The Committee worked on finding solutions to fire department equipment theft, i.e. FDCs.
- The Committee continued their monthly meeting discussions on current topics and issues.

Goals

1. Continue to work closely with NorCal FPO's Building and Fire Code Committees in developing code changes and reviewing code issues in the international codes.
2. Continue to work closely with the SoCal Fire Equipment & Devices co-chairs to create a unified understanding of the state's position on changes to the codes.
3. Continue to seek opportunities for involvement in developing codes, regulations, and standards both statewide and nationally.

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The Fire Equipment and Devices Committee meets by teleconference monthly, due to the travel restraints of the committee members. The Fire Equipment and Devices Committee evaluates new fire equipment and devices and also reviews code changes involving fire equipment and devices, proposing changes where founded.

In 2012, the Committee worked on the following projects:

CSFM BML Projects

The Committee assisted the California State Fire Marshal's Office (SFM) this year with a couple of projects requesting CSFM listing. Through the Committee's input and outreach to other stakeholders, the State Fire Marshal's Office withheld the

listing.

Fire Alarm Plan Review Matrix

The Committee updated the fire alarm plan review matrix to reference the 2010 CFC code changes.

Fire Sprinkler Plan Check and Standpipe Plan Check

The Committee supported the NorCal Equipment and Devices Committee in their project, led by Bruce Lecair, to update the plan check forms.

NFPA 72, Record of Completion

A shortened version was created by the Committee, four pages in lieu of the current 12 page document. It is available electronically and covers 95 percent of all fire alarm systems being installed.

Generator and Fire Pump Signals

The Committee has started a project to clarify required supervisory signals from generators and fire pumps sent to supervising stations.

Fire Alarm Circuit Integrity Cable

The Committee has become involved in the deletion of two hour Circuit Integrity (C.I.) cable used for circuit survivability. The Committee is awaiting further input from Underwriters Laboratories and CSFM.

Refrigeration Alarms and Oxygen Deficiency Alarms

The Committee is resurfacing the old Article 63 Refrigeration issues and opening a new project regarding operation and signaling requirements for oxygen deficiency alarm systems.

Fire Service Education Committee

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As another successful year for the NorCal Fire Prevention Officer's Association and the Fire Service Education Committee comes to a close, it's important to reflect on where we have been in 2012 and look forward to where we are headed in 2013.

This past year, Co-Chair Bill Tyler, Novato Fire District Fire Marshal, "retired" his co-chair position and put forth a successor for the Board to consider. Lori Jessell, Fire Inspector with Novato Fire District, filled the vacated co-chair position.

The Committee partnered with other NorCal committees by coordinating classes relative to their specific expertise. Another improvement was to expand training geographically throughout NorCal which resulted in course offerings in three general areas, the Sacramento/Roseville area, the greater Bay Area, and the Central Valley. Another change was made to offer NorCal members a discount for classes, enhancing member benefits.

In 2012, the Fire Service Education Committee organized and delivered 14 quality classes to approximately 490 students and exceeded last year's training income by over \$20,000. Classes offered were: NFPA 13D, Hospital & Skilled Nursing Inspections for the Fire Service, SFM Statutes & Regulations, SFM Residential Care Facilities, CEQA For Fire Departments: Use of Best Management Practices, UFC High Piled Combustible Storage, Fire Alarm Plan Review, Hazardous Materials for the Code Inspector, and Residential Sprinkler Inspector Training.

Looking forward to 2013, you will see the Fire Service Education Committee focusing on courses that will benefit NorCal members and the Fire Prevention/Risk Reduction profession. Courses high on the priority list will be related to the new code adoption as well as classes of the following areas of interest: Juvenile Fire Setters Intervention, Forensic Fire Science, and Wildland Hazards.

Other courses in the planning stages are: 2013 California Fire and Code Building code update classes, 2013 edition of NFPA 13D and 13, California NFPA 25, Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Familiarization Training for FPO's and First Responders, Underground Storage Tanks, Prevention 2A Fire Protection Systems & Building Components, Prevention 2B Interpretation of CBC & CCR, Prevention 3A Sprinkler Hydraulics, Prevention 3B Plan Review, Solar regulations, and the Local Amendment Process to the CBC & CFC.

The Fire Service Education Committee would like to extend a huge and warm Thank You to all of the instructors committed to a high level of quality instruction, many of whom donated their instructional time, and to the Office of the State Fire Marshal, for their continued support of NorCal and their commitment to partner with this Committee to offer much needed training.

We welcome and encourage any training suggestions that are brought forward to the Fire Service Education Committee. We are here to provide the needed and required training our members count on.

Looking forward to another great year!



Fire Service Education Committee

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The Fire Service Education Committee reaches out to our membership on training needs and requirements throughout the year. In 2012, we held, in association with the National Fire Sprinkler Association, two fire sprinkler classes in the City of Brea, NFPA 13 Overview and Plan Review Policies & Procedures. We utilize an on-line survey, Survey Monkey, to reach our membership on their needs and required training. We strive to coordinate our regional training with our county and area fire prevention partner organizations.

In 2013, we are hosting two California State Fire Marshal's Office updated Statutes and Regulations classes along with the State Fire Marshal's Offices new Residential Care Facility for the Elderly (RCFE) regulations class. In response to our membership, we are hosting the ICC class on Performing Commercial Plan Review class and will continue to co-host Fire Sprinkler classes with the National Fire Sprinkler Association.



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In early spring, Ron Keefer of Menlo Park Fire Protection District stepped down as co-chair of the Hazardous Materials Committee, a position he had held since 1994 with only one brief hiatus. As co-chair he was, and continues to be, a reliable source of technical knowledge and an active participant in the code change community. We are so grateful that he generously shared his expertise with the FPOs for 18 years. Thank you Ron! With Ron's departure, the Board approved and welcomed Lynne Kilpatrick, Hazardous Materials Coordinator for the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety, as the Committee's new co-chair.

State Legislation

Danielle Stefani of Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department continued her participation in the CUPA Forum Board's Health & Safety Code (HSC) Chapter 6.95 Workgroup on behalf of the FPOs. The workgroup, along with partners from Cal EMA and the Office of the State Fire Marshal, was assembled to develop proposed amendments for legislation in 2013 to update and improve the Hazardous Materials Business Plan information.

Fire Service Education

The Hazardous Materials Committee did not host any formal training classes in 2012, but is already working closely with the Fire Service Education Committee to bring forward classes that will be helpful to field fire inspectors. An all-day class focusing on inspection criteria for compressed gas systems was held on January 9, 2013.

Code Development

The Hazardous Materials Committee worked to develop several code change proposals to submit to ICC that, if approved, would appear in the 2015 edition of the International Fire Code (IFC). The proposed code changes focus primarily on modifications to requirements for tank venting devices on protected aboveground tanks.

In addition, Committee Co-Chair Lynne Kilpatrick participated as a voting member and fire service representative on the Compressed Gas Association (CGA) Committee that considered proposed changes to the IFC adopted reference standard CGA P-18 (*Standard for Bulk Inert Gas Systems*).

2013 Goals

1. Recruit new committee members, retain regular committee members and encourage their participation in the committee's activities.
2. Work closely with the Fire Code Committee to review proposed code changes to the International Codes, providing input and assisting in the development of statewide positions.
3. Provide support to the Fire Service Education Committee by providing training opportunities, including education on, and exposure to, the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS).

Legislative Committee

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The 2011-12 Legislative Session concluded at midnight, August 31st 2012, but not before enacting pension and workers' compensation reform in the final hours of the Session.

Presented below are summaries for a number of bills of importance to Cal Chiefs during the 2012 legislative year.

1. Assembly Bill 578(Hill): Would require the California Public Utilities Commission to issue orders or adopt rules to implement any safety recommendations by the NTSB relative to natural gas pipeline safety that the Commission determines to be appropriate. Violations of these orders or rules would be a crime. **Status: Signed by the Governor; supported by Cal Chiefs.**

2. Assembly Bill 1566(Wieckowski): Relating enforcement of aboveground storage tanks, AB 1566 would revise the definition of "aboveground storage tanks" to include tanks in an underground area and make conforming changes to the definition of the term "tank facility." The bill would also require the UPAs to implement the act in accordance with regulations adopted by the Office of the State Fire Marshal and would authorize the Office to adopt these regulations. Finally, AB 1566 would require the Office to establish an advisory committee and take other actions with regard to ensuring compliance with local, state, and federal requirements. The bill would also require the Office to interpret the act and oversee the implementation of the act by the UPAs. **Status: Signed by the Governor; supported by Cal Chiefs.**

3. Assembly Bill 1650(Portantino): Relating to public utilities and emergency and disaster preparedness, AB 1650 would require the Public Utilities Commission to establish standards for disaster and emergency preparedness plans within a current proceeding. The bill would require an electric corporation to develop, adopt, and update an emergency and disaster preparedness plan, and would authorize every city, county, city and county within the electric corporation's service area to designate a point of contact for the electric corporation to consult with on emergency and disaster preparedness plans. AB 1650 also applies these same requirements on PUC regulated water companies. **Status: Signed by the Governor; supported by Cal Chiefs.**

4. Assembly Bill 1701(Wieckowski): Also relating to underground storage tanks, AB 1701 revises the term "local agency" for the purposes of underground storage tank requirements to mean the unified program agency with regard to the implementation of specific provisions relating to underground storage tanks and a city or county for purposes of provisions authorizing corrective action to releases from those tanks. **Status: Signed by the Governor; supported by Cal Chiefs.**

5. Assembly Bill 2451(Speaker Perez): This workers' compensation measure would provide that certain proceedings relating to the collection of death benefits of firefighters and peace officers may be commenced within, but no later than, 480 weeks from the date of injury, and in no event more than one year after the date of death. **Status: The Governor vetoed AB 2451; Cal Chiefs maintained a Watch position.**

6. Assembly Bill 2474(Chesbro): Relating to the recently adopted SRA fee, but unlike a number of bills to repeal the fee, AB 2474 directed the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to modify the fee taking into account fire protection provided at the local level and further reducing the \$150 per structure fee accordingly. **Status: AB 2474 was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee (dead); supported by Cal Chiefs.**

7. Assembly Bill 2559(Buchanan): Relating to local approval of pipeline projects, AB 2559 would require a city, county, city and county to act on an application by a natural gas corporation that is a public utility for a ministerial pipeline project permit within a public street or highway or any other public right-of-way within 10 business days of determining that an application for the pipeline project is complete, with some exceptions. **Status: Signed by the Governor; Cal Chiefs maintained a Watch position.**

Legislative Committee

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8. Assembly Bill 2564(Ma): Another bill related to pipeline project applicants, AB 2564 would, until January 1, 2018, revise that definition of pipeline to delete the exclusion of those surface facilities and to include surface accessories of appurtenances to a pipeline. The bill would require the state's Natural Resources Agency, when determining the applicability of the exemption of pipelines from the California Environmental Quality Act(CEQA)with regard to a natural gas pipeline safety enhancement activity to consider only the length of the pipeline that is within its legal jurisdiction. **Status: Signed by the Governor; supported by Cal Chiefs.**

9. Assembly Bill 2612(Achadjian): Relating to court witness fees, AB 2612 would increase the current fee of \$150 to \$275 for state and local government employees subpoenaed to appear in court for civil actions. The fee is paid by the party issuing the subpoena. **Status: Signed by the Governor; supported by Cal Chiefs.**

10. Senate Bill 912(T. Lieu): The bill proposed to authorize the installation of a residential fire protection system for new construction of single-family or 2-family dwellings to be performed by a contractor holding a fire protection contractor classification, a general building contractor, or a plumbing contractor. **Status: SB 912 was never set for hearing and for that reason Cal Chiefs did not take a position.**

11. Senate Bill 1241(Kehoe): It took three attempts, but 2012 was the year Senator Kehoe finally passed SB 1241 requiring cities and counties to revise their safety element requirements for SRAs and very high fire hazard severity zones when cities and counties next revise their housing element/general plan. The bill would also require the Office of Planning and Research to update its "Fire Hazard Planning" document. **Status: Signed by the Governor; supported by Cal Chiefs.**

12. Senate Bill 1394(Lowenthal): This measure contains numerous technical amendments to the current law and regulations specific to carbon monoxide and some detectors. **Status: Signed by the Governor; supported by Cal Chiefs.**

13. Senate Bill 1468(Calderon): This is the bill that proposed to permit safe and sane fireworks to be sold during the New Year's Eve week, with approval of local agencies. The Cal Chiefs FPO Sections invested a tremendous amount of time with the bill's sponsor, author and the State Fire Marshal and recommended a "Neutral" position that was ultimately adopted by the Cal Chiefs Board. The bill will be reintroduced in 2013. **Status: Failed passage/held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee and as stated above, based on the FPO Sections recommendation, Cal Chiefs adopted a Neutral position on SB 1468.**

14. Senate Joint Resolution #8(Leno): This resolution urged the federal government's process of identifying alternatives to flame retardants to include, among other things, the design of products that do not require the use of flame retardants. The resolution would further urge the United States Congress to enact the Safe Chemicals Act to restrict flame retardants that pose health risks and would also urge the United States Environmental Protection Agency to, among other things, establish health and safety standards for flame retardant chemicals, and finally, urge the United States Consumer Products Safety Commission to adopt specified smolder prevention rules that provide improved fire safety without toxicity in furniture. **Status: SJR #8 failed passage due to policy committee deadlines and Cal Chiefs adopted a Watch position pending securing additional information.**

The State Bureau of Electronic Appliance Repair, Home Furnishings and Thermal Insulation is currently drafting revisions to **Technical Bulletin 117** and expected to release the draft regulations in early 2013.

In conclusion, the 2013-14 Legislative Session commenced on December 3rd and following swearing-in ceremonies, recessed until January 7th.

Public Education Committee

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Visit www.firepreventionofficers.org to review Committee agendas, minutes, download public education handouts and teaching tools, and review the latest from the California Fire Prevention Officers.

Below are the Public Education Committee's 2012 goals and a summary of the year's work:

Goal 1: Monthly Meetings and Bi-Monthly Meetings via Conference Call

1. To allow for everyone to participate in meeting even if they cannot attend in person.
2. Monthly meetings will still be held at Con Fire or SRV Fire (central location).
3. Switch date of meeting to second Thursday of month so more members can attend.

The Committee decided to try conference call meetings every other month, but it was decided that the conference call meetings were not as effective. Since attendance at our meetings has increased in the last four months, we will continue to have monthly meetings on the second Thursday of the month, which will be held at Contra Costa Fire where it is centrally located. These meetings will not have conference call capabilities.

Goal 2: Support Members with Developing a Pool of Potential Meeting Guest Speakers

1. Routinely discuss and share new science and technology in fire and life safety.
2. Determine potential and type of guest speakers based on shared information.
3. Support and recognize members who choose to guest speak at meetings.



The Committee only had two meetings with guest speakers in attendance. We were able to improve our knowledge about Diablo Fire Safe Council and the National Scald Campaign.

Goal 3: Support CFPI in Community Risk Reduction Track for the 2013 Conference

1. Create an on-going list of courses, with course descriptions, of interest to public fire and life safety educators.
2. Identify potential presenters for courses listed and create on-going list.

The following two-day classes were offered through a National Fire Academy (NFA) Grant at the CFPI Buellton Workshop in 2012:

- Marketing Fire Prevention in Your Community
- Methods of Enhancing Safety Education

Public Education Committee

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Methods of Enhancing Safety Education was cancelled due to lack of interest. Pat Mieszala with NFPA presented a one-day class on Vision 20/20 Community Risk Reduction Evaluation to make up one of the days that was cancelled. Pat Mieszala was one of the people who developed the curriculum for the National Fire Academy (NFA) classes in public education. She is no longer a NFA instructor, but that gives her the ability to teach the NFA classes with updated curriculum at our CFPI Workshop. Pat can also teach on the Vision 20/20 program. This is something we will look further into for next year's CFPI Workshop.

Goal 4: Set up Committee to work on Community Risk Reduction Class Curriculum

1. Send invitation letter to Northern and Southern FPO Public Education Members recruiting committee members.
2. Assign three members from NorCal and three members from SoCal.
3. Assign a moderator after a committee is put assembled.
4. Finalize budget.

The Committee sent Chief Richwine the invitation letter, budget, and scope of work for a Community Risk Reduction Class Curriculum Committee. The State decided on another option. It was reported that each subject area will be assigned a retired annuitant that will direct the curriculum update process. Assignments were to be made in the fall, but we are still waiting to find out who was assigned the Community Risk Reduction Curriculum.

Goal 5: Host a Community Education Class or Training through the NorCal FPO

1. Research different community education classes or training.
2. Find an instructor to teach class.
3. Improve public education in the state and to raise funds to support Nor Cal FPO's activities.

The Committee will provide three one-day classes at the CFPI Workshop in 2013, and is hoping that these classes will be well attended. The Committee will also consider hosting a class or training in the summer of 2013.

The work of the Public Education Committee increased its members contact with SoCal members, the State Fire Marshal's Office, and the NorCal Board Members. These renewed communications have provided a stronger voice for public fire and life safety educators at the state level as well as within our own organization.



Public Education Committee

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The Public Education Committee meets quarterly throughout Southern California.

Our first meeting was hosted by the Rancho Cucamonga Fire District where we had presentations on the on-going issue and concern of Fire Protection Systems Fraud, the process of Community Risk Reduction, and Creative Funding in These Fiscal Times.

Our second meeting was the joint meeting with Nor Cal Public Education Committee at CFPI.

Our third meeting was held in Lake Arrowhead and the program was on the topic of Defensible Space and a review of the Ready, Set, Go program.

Our fourth meeting was held in Santa Monica where Pat Mieszala, the Southwest Region Public Education Liaison for NFPA, gave an overview on Fire Prevention Week.

We met a fifth time in 2012 in Costa Mesa where Ray Bizal from NFPA presented a program on Smoke Alarm Detection Technology, providing technical information on the ionization versus photoelectric smoke alarm controversy.

In September, Co-Chair Penni Overstreet-Murphy, attended the NorCal FPO meeting in Petaluma to meet with the State Fire Marshal and Meri K-Appy from NFPA to discuss with our Northern counterparts Vision 20/20's new campaign "Fire is Everyone's Fight" along with smoke alarm messaging.

In November, Kelley Donaldson attended a joint meeting in Sacramento to meet with State Fire Marshal and Underwriter Laboratories on a new public outreach campaign for smoke alarms.

We continue to have a solid relationship with our NorCal Public Education Committee and feel we are working in unity to develop and share ideas.



MODELS IN FIRE PREVENTION

Items that the Committee will be working on in 2013 include:

1. VISION 20/20 – the Fire is Everyone's Fight campaign
2. Develop, with the NorCal FPO, a smoke alarm awareness campaign, including PSA and collateral materials. The messages will be simple: have a working smoke alarm, including the right device in the right location, maintenance, and purchase of smoke alarms with a CA State Fire Marshal seal. Information will be generic so that it can be used nationwide. The PSA will target the following audiences:
 - a. Line firefighters
 - b. Fire prevention officers, building inspectors, home builders, contractors, real estate agents, and landlords
 - c. General public
3. Residential sprinkler system maintenance campaign
4. A continuing educational campaign on carbon monoxide alarms
5. Working to expand our membership and keep our meetings educational and resourceful

Wildland Urban Interface Committee

NORTHERN DIVISION

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The NorCal FPO Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Committee Co-Chair George Laing welcomed a new co-chair in 2012, Carol Rice, of Wildland Resource Management. Carol is a natural resource manager and fire ecologist in private practice developing fire management plans with Wildland Resource Management, Inc. She has been in practice for more than 30 years based in Alamo, CA. She was a founder and board member of the International Association of Wildland Fire and the Wildfire Section of the National Fire Protection Association. She is the past president of the California-Nevada-Hawaii Fire Council.

The Committee was pleased to collaborate with the southern committee to welcome Sarah McCaffrey, Research Social Scientist for the USFS, to discuss the social element of wildland fire at the 2012 CFPI. At our joint committee meeting in Buellton, CA we established a plan to enhance and expand upon existing north/south coordination and collaboration, including training, classes, and monthly Committee meeting attendance. At the September SoCal Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Committee meeting, NorCal Co-Chair George Laing was in attendance at a very productive meeting where class subject material and format for the SoCal Fire Safety Requirements in the WUI and NorCal CEQA for Fire Departments were reviewed. The intent is for these classes to be hosted by either committee with local instructors.

On November 13, the CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act), for Fire Department class was well attended and well received by fire officials and land-use managers throughout Northern California. The class topics covered the importance of CEQA, the CEQA process and treatment options, the role of CEQA in planning, tools to address threatened and endangered species and habitat, CEQA documentation, monitoring, and potential pitfalls. Instructors from UC Berkeley, East Bay Regional Parks Fire Chief Ken Blonski, and legal counsel experienced in CEQA matters provided expert and very useful information to the attendees.

The Committee continues to explore options for retro-active application of ignition resistant construction methods in existing housing, to work with groups that have a common mission, such as local Firesafe Councils and the Hills Emergency Forum (HEF). Co-Chair Carol Rice is a liaison with the CWCG working group of state and regional federal agencies. Co-Chair George Laing also co-authored a paper that was published in *International Journal of Wildland Fire* 2012 entitled "Firebrand generation data obtained from a full-scale structure burn." This paper resulted in the collaboration with NorCal training officers, NorCal operations officers, and the National Institute for Standards and Technology, and will be presented at the Fire and Materials Conference in San Francisco at the end of January, 2013.

Wildland Urban Interface Committee

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The Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Committee activities continue to be focused on code development and training during the year. The implementation of a revised Chapter 7a in the CBC and the parallel evolution of the ICC produced numerous requests for interpretation as well as requests for educational presentations, many of which were setup by the California State Fire Marshal's Office. The Committee continues to be very active in code and standards development with recently retired Co-Chair Rolland Crawford sitting on the ICC Fire Code Committee and Co-Chair Don Oaks sitting on the ASTM E5.14 (WUI) Committee and NFPA Forest and Rural Fire Protection Committee. Both co-chairs were active in the rewrite of CBC Chapter 7a. Rolland Crawford retired from his position as co-chair but will remain active in Committee work, remotely, from the State of Washington. Mark Miller, Chief of the Cambria Fire Department, replaced Rolland as Committee co-chair.

During the coming year we will continue the legislative and training/education effort, in general, and particularly with respect to the development of a comprehensive WUI Code package for California. The "Code Package" effort is headed up by Committee member Tom Christopher. The Committee presented a one-day seminar at Ventura County Fire Headquarters on the subject of comprehensive fire safety requirements in the wildland-urban interface. This effort was organized by Committee member Larry Williams. We plan to present this basic class at different locations during the coming year. We were pleased to be able to keep the cost for students reasonable and still result in a profit of \$1,500.00 for the FPO. We directed additional time and energy to the improvement of attic and eave vent design, and to lesser extent, the problem of deck design and materials. Members developed and presented the WUI track at the annual CFPI. Committee members continue to participate in the effort sponsored by San Diego County to develop a document for evaluation of fire protection planning, with particular focus on integration with CEQA guidelines.

We are experimenting with teleconferencing systems for our regular meetings, which should allow participation by a much larger percentage of the FPO membership. Committee members were actively involved in the investigations and fact findings associated with the more significant fires of 2012, and will be sharing the product of those efforts at the March 2013 CFPI in Buellton, CA. This up-coming CFPI program will be a joint effort with the north WUI Committee. North Co-Chair George Laing is taking the lead and has arranged for a program focused on working with outside agencies such as the Coastal Commission. The Committee continues to serve the CFCA-FPO and community at large as a brokerage and clearing house for new techniques and technologies with respect to issues associated with the WUI.

The Charles H. Gray Memorial Fund Service Award and Scholarship-Grant



Charles H. Gray served as Fire Marshal for the City of Santa Rosa Fire Department located in Sonoma County, CA. 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.

Proposals are accepted post marked not later than December 31 annually. Scholarships and grants are awarded in May. For applications or information call or write:

Charles H. Gray Memorial Fund

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Past recipients of the Charles Gray Memorial Fund Service Award are:

1985	Charles H. Gray	1998	Dave Milanese
1986	James H, McLaughlin	1999	Joe Perry
1987	James Luce	2000	Steve Hart
1988	Lawrence Toellner	2001	Vernon Brown
1989	William Greene	2002	Fort Hartsfield
1990	Darrell W. Harguth	2003	Tonya Hoover
1991	Kenneth J. Slamon, Jr.	2004	Doug Williams
1991	Gale Bate	2005	Gene Gantt
1992	Robert Burns	2006	Rick Terry
1993	John Gillilan	2007	Forrest Craig
1994	Robert Kinney	2008	Rick Rodewald
1995	Joan Jennings	2009	Lorin Neyer
1996	Mary Cornelison	2010	Ken Wagner
1997	Howard Hopper	2011	Kevin Reinertson

The William E. Fox Award

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.

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.

William E. Fox Award Recipients

1995	Sam Husoe	Past President, SoCal FPO
1997	Bill Hopple	Co-chair, SoCal FPO Devices Committee
2009	Rick Terry	Past President NorCal FPO, CFPI Workshop Co-Chair
2010	Ken Kraus	Past President, SoCal FPO
2011	Laura Blaul	Past President, SoCal FPO

The Mary Eriksen-Rattan Award

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 and taught courses on building construction for hazardous materials at UCI, SDSU, and OSU.

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 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.

Mary Eriksen-Rattan Award Recipients

2006	Mary Eriksen-Rattan
2009	Penny Overstreet-Murphy
2011	Rolland Crawford

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