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**REPORT**

**OUR MISSION:**

Promote the protection of life, property and the environment from the effects of fire and other hazardous events, through effective education, engineering and enforcement.



# CALIFORNIA FIRE PREVENTION OFFICERS

## 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

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# PRESIDENTS' REPORT 2013

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Greetings:

On behalf of the California Fire Chiefs Northern and Southern Divisions of the Fire Prevention Officer's Section, we present the 2013 Annual Report. The year 2013 was a very productive year for our organization. We continue to meet our mission statement of promoting the protection of life, property and the environment from the effects of fire and other hazardous events, through education, engineering and enforcement. We strive to work jointly on projects of mutual interest and continue to be the voice of fire prevention for California.

As you can see below, this was a very busy year with many projects completed jointly by our boards and committees.

Both the Northern Fire Code Committee and the Southern Code Committee participated in the ICC Group B Code Development cycle, which included code changes for the 2015 International Fire Code and 2015 International Residential Code. The FPOs cooperatively worked with the State Fire Marshal's Office and presented several code amendments for the Fire and Residential Code, primarily involving amendments to photovoltaic systems. We saw success with many of our proposals which were ultimately passed at the Final Code Action Hearings in Atlantic City. While in Dallas, the Committee members worked with allied agencies to get several proposals that could compromise the residential fire sprinkler requirement eliminated and/or defeated.

The North and South FPO Public Education Committees are working with the State Fire Marshal's Office and Underwriters Laboratories on a community outreach program for the new generation 10 year smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms.

Jointly and in cooperation with CalChiefs, we have been diligently working on a new website that will effectively manage our membership and class registrations, as well as provide insightful and valuable information to our collective membership.

Looking to the South:

The Wildland/Urban Interface Committee is working on a reference manual for all state and local regulations involving the Wildland/Urban Interface area to assist fire prevention professionals on current regulations. The Committee has also been directly involved with testing standards for products, like vents, to be used in construction in the Wildland/Urban Interface area.

The Equipment and Devices Committee continues to keep SoCal abreast of new fire protection equipment and technologies. They also have reviewed the newest edition of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards to update the now-famous plan review checklists for fire alarm and fire sprinkler systems and to get the updated information out to the membership.

The Fire Service Education Committee hosted several training classes including a NFPA 25 class and a 2013 California Fire Code (CFC) Update class.

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Looking to the North:

Membership in the North is on the rise and the budget is in the black. The NorCal committees are hard-working committed professionals that worked on some extensive projects in 2013, a rewrite of the newly named Fire Inspection Guide and the Residential Care Facility Handbook. Quality training classes were offered to over 500 fire prevention professionals. Our committees contributed to that training success by being actively involved in hosting classes that fit their targeted interests. We funded ten people to attend the code hearings in Dallas. A pamphlet for new members that provides information on NorCal was designed. Our 4<sup>th</sup> annual "Driving Ahead for Prevention" Golf Tournament raised \$8500 for the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation. Look to the Committee reports for specifics on other accomplishments for 2013.

Looking forward, the California Fire Prevention Institute cannot be forgotten. The Institute continually puts on the preeminent fire prevention conference in the nation and 2014 looks to be no exception in Buellton, CA in March.

The Fire Prevention Officers Section is our committee. Our membership is what sustains us. We thank you for attending the meetings, participating on the committees, and for putting up with the never ending emails and telephone calls. Without you, we would not be who we are and so successful. We have achieved much but our work does not end as we look to sustain the future of fire prevention in California and make it a safer place.

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This year the Building Standards Committee worked on various projects supporting the national and state code development processes as well as general membership interests. A number of this Committee's members assisted the Fire Code Committee to review and comment on code change proposals.

With the 2013 codes effective January 1, 2014, this Committee began reviewing and revising pertinent code sections detailed in the NorCal Residential Care Facility Handbook, which was originally created in 2012. Once complete, the revised Handbook will be available to members on the Cal Chiefs' FPO website.

Members of this Committee began the organization of an "exiting concepts" class which we plan to move forward with assistance from the NorCal Fire Service Education Committee, available in 2014.

In an effort to increase member participation, the Building Standards Committee continued efforts to recruit new members into the Committee 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.

### 2014 Goals:

1. Complete and distribute the revised NorCal Residential Care Facility Handbook.
2. Continue to participate in the state and national code development processes.
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



Isaac Mendel, NorCal Director of Operations, and recipient of the 2013 Charlie Gray Memorial Scholarship; Wes Arvin (2013 Award Recipient) and Christine Reed, Building Committee Co-chair 2012 Scholarship recipient

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The Fire Code Committee experienced a transition in co-chairs this year-Amber Anderson was appointed as Secretary to the NorCal Board. Many thanks to Amber's years of leading this Committee. The Committee welcomes Lori Jessell of Novato Fire Protection District, a long time NorCal member and recent co-chair of Fire Service Education Committee, as our new co-chair.

This year the Fire Code 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 participated in the 2013 (Group B) ICC Code Development Cycle attending the Committee Action Hearings in Dallas, TX as well as the Public Comment Hearings in Atlantic City, NJ. Cal Chiefs was successful in getting several proposals approved throughout the entire hearing process.

The Fire Code Committee continues to support the Cal Chief's newly named Fire Inspection Guide, formally known as the Fire Inspector's Guide, by receiving comments, edits and recommendations for future guides. If you have suggestions, comments or find discrepancies please use the email address at the back of the guide to forward these items to the Fire Code Committee.

In an effort to increase member participation, the Fire Code Committee continued efforts to recruit new committee members that now include members from the fire service, building departments, and related design professional backgrounds. Committee members meet to keep involved and up-to-date with the code development process as well as to discuss additional pertinent issues facing the fire service and to cohesively work on committee projects.

Looking back over the last year, we have achieved our Committee goals. Through attendance and participation of the above mentioned meetings we have been able to continue our support and further establish and sustain our presence as active and effective stakeholders in the development of both state and national codes and standards. We have maintained and been able to increase the Fire Code Committee active membership with eager and passionate fire service members thusly increasing the knowledge and experiences that our Committee will draw from to improve and establish our value and that of our organization. We continue to strengthen our partnerships with Southern Fire Code and Building Standards Committee counterparts showing unity between the two Divisions and that of our own Building Standards, Equipment and Devices, Hazardous Materials, Fire Service Education and other NorCal FPO Committees.



Ian Hardage and Lori Jessell,  
Fire Code Committee Co-chairs

# Code Committee

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

This was another busy year for the Committee members! We started the year by submitting code proposals to the International Code Council for the 2015 International Fire Code and International Residential Code concerning clarifying regulations for solar photovoltaic installations, which were mostly successful at the Final Action Hearings in Atlantic City, NJ in October. 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. Code Committee members were present when these proposals were heard in Dallas, TX in April and voted on by the membership in Atlantic City, NJ in October.

In the midst of the national code development cycle, the Committee convened a workgroup to discuss and compare local adoption ordinances for the adoption of the 2013 California codes, effective on January 1, 2014. A lot was accomplished by this group, reaching consensus where possible and assisting each other through the process.

The next year, 2014, will give the Committee an opportunity to come together and evaluate our new codes and begin a comprehensive process for potential amendments to the next round of national model codes.



SFM, NorCal, and SoCal Committee Members represent at Dallas Code hearings

# Fire Equipment and Devices Committee

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## 2013 Year in Review

- Co-Chair Michael Murphy hosted training at the Local 483 training facility. Classes for fire departments included: CFC, pumps, commercial fire systems and related training.
- Co-chairs wrote position paper for Assembly Bill 433.
- Reviewed several position papers and gave thoughts/opinions/suggestions on legislation, proposals, etc regarding Fire Equipment and Devices related items, topics such as CA NFPA 25, NFPA 13D.
- The Committee continued their monthly meeting discussions on current topics and issues providing support and advice for other NorCal members on dealing with various Equipment and Devices related issues.
- Co-Chair Michael Murphy taught a fire pumps class at Buellton.
- Assisted in monthly afternoon meeting presentation.

## Goals for 2014

1. Continue to work closely with NorCal FPO's Building Standards 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 and 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 state-wide and nationally.

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The goal of the SoCal Fire Protection Equipment and Devices (FPED) Committee for the year 2013 was to continue recruiting new members and revive participation of existing members on Committee projects and activities. The FPED will continue forming working relations with OSFM and their respective advisory committees, NFPA, 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.

The FPED committee drafted a basic list of objectives to assist in fulfilling the established goals for 2014 as follows:

1. Actively participate with stakeholders in reviewing legislation as assigned and offer constructive feedback and recommendations for support/opposition to the Executive Board.
2. Monitor newly adopted NFPA 13, 13R, 13D and assist in training for fire service.
3. Review NFPA 70 and develop comments/amendments for state adoption.
4. Solicit FPO group and OSFM for continued representation on advisory committees.
5. Solicit FPO's for new Committee members.
6. Complete the updates to the fire alarm, sprinkler, and standpipe plan review checklists.
7. Work with industry to develop Inspection Testing and Maintenance (ITM) and listing requirements for gas detection, mechanical refrigeration systems and emergency alarm systems.
8. Provide a review document of the 2013 edition of the NFPA 72 and provide guidance to our membership before the enforceable date presumed as January 1, 2014.

# Fire Service Education Committee

## NORTHERN DIVISION

## 2013 Year in Review

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The Fire Service Education Committee is comprised of co-chairs Patrick Chew, Roseville Fire Department, and Bruce Lecair, National Fire Sprinkler Association.

The number one 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 manage classes and seminars with the goal of improving the skills, knowledge and technical understanding of fire prevention and fire protection codes, regulations and technology.”

During this past year, the Fire Service Education Committee completed that goal by conducting 17 classes with a wide diversity of subject matter to 549 students throughout Northern California. The spreadsheet below reports the months the classes occurred, the class subject, number of students instructed on behalf of the Northern California Fire Prevention Officers Association.

### Goals for 2014

1. 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.
2. Monitor trends and innovations in new technology and provide training and education opportunities to meet the education and awareness needs of our membership.
3. 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.

Month	Class topic	Number of Students
January 2013	Chemically Speaking: Hayward, CA	37 students
January 2013	Fire Prevention 3B: Elk Grove, CA	27 students
January 2013	Fire Prevention 2A: Elk Grove, CA	18 students
February 2013	Means of Egress: Roseville, CA	57 students
April 2013	Local Code Adoption: Roseville, CA	21 students
April 2013	Local Code Adoption: San Rafael, CA	17 Students
April 2013	Local Code Adoption: Merced, CA	31 Students
April 2013	Fire Prevention 2B: Elk Grove, C.	19 Students
May 2013	Underground Storage Tanks (UST): Roseville, CA	42 Students
May 2013	Fire Plan Review: Oakland, CA	9 Students
May 2013	NFPA 13, 13r, 13d, 25, Overview: Roseville, CA	22 Students
September 2013	California Building Code Review, Roseville, CA	57 Students
October 2013	Fire Alarm Plan Review: Roseville, CA	12 Students
October 2013	Fire Doors: Hayward, CA	31 Students
October 2013	California Building Code Review: Hayward, CA	95 Students
December 2013	Fire Prevention 3A: Elk Grove, CA	30 Students
December 2013	California Building Code Review: Hayward, CA	26 Students
Totals	17 classes	549 Students

# Fire Service Education Committee

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### SOUTHERN DIVISION

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The Fire Service Committee reaches out to our membership on training needs and requirements throughout the year. We strive to coordinate our regional training with our county and area fire prevention partner organizations.

In 2013, we hosted two California State Fire Marshal updated Statutes and Regulations classes along with three State Fire Marshal Local Code Adoption courses. We also hosted an International Code Council (ICC) course, "Significant Changes to the CA Fire Code". In 2014, in response to our membership, we are planning to host a State Fire Marshal Residential Care Facility for the Elderly (RCFE) regulations class and will continue to co-host fire sprinkler classes with the National Fire Sprinkler Association.



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**A**t the beginning of the 2013 year, both co-chairs to the Hazardous Materials Committee had to step down due to work commitments and promotions. The NorCal Board sought new co-chairs but was not successful in finding a volunteer to take on the commitment.

In November, Rocque Yballa volunteered to take on the position of Co-chair, focus on rebuilding the committee and establish a succession plan to ensure continued participation over the years. Lynne Kilpatrick agreed to return as Co-chair with Rocque. The two met with former co-chair Ron Keefer and developed a strategy to move the Committee forward.

Prior to the November 2013 general meeting in Palo Alto, correspondence seeking participation went out to members who had expressed an interest in hazardous materials. Since this meeting at least ten individuals have committed to participate on the Committee.

Four immediate technical projects were implemented to re-engage this committee with the local fire service.

1. Looking at Operational Permit concerns when the use of liquid nitrogen is utilized in food service and demonstrations.
2. Chemical stock and use associated with 3D printers.
3. Storage and charging of lithium batteries.
4. Liquid CO2 storage associated with beverage stations that are not adequately addressed in other national standards.

2013 was an ICC track that had very little hazardous material concern, however 2014 will be a busy year for us. The Committee is already seeking out concerns and issues that the Committee can address with the 2014 code hearing schedule.

# Legislative Committee

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The 2013-2014 Legislative Session was again a very active one for the Fire Service and the Fire Prevention Officers Section. There were a total of 17 pieces of legislation that we were following and actively working on.

Presented below are summaries of the bills that were of importance to the Fire Prevention Section of CalChiefs during this legislative session:

1. Assembly Bill 56 (Weber): This bill would require, by July 1, 2015, the State Fire Marshal to propose for adoption by the commission, appropriate standards for the installation of carbon monoxide devices in public and private school buildings that meet specified criteria. **Status: Signed by the Governor; Supported by CalChiefs**
2. Assembly Bill 120 (Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials): This bill would require the board to waive the underground storage tank permit requirement for claims reimbursed from that account if the superintendent of the school district receiving the reimbursement certifies to the board that petroleum was not delivered on or after January 1, 2003, to the tank that is the subject of the claim or the tank was removed before January 1, 2003. **Status: Signed by the Governor; CalChiefs remained in a "watch" position.**
3. Assembly Bill 127 (Skinner): This bill would require the State Fire Marshal, in consultation with the Bureau of Electronic and Appliance Repair, Home Furnishings, and Thermal Insulation, to review the flammability standards for building insulation materials, including whether the flammability standards for some insulation materials can only be met with the addition of chemical flame retardants. The bill would require, if deemed appropriate by the State Fire Marshal based on this review, the State Fire Marshal to, by July 1, 2015, propose for consideration by the commission updated insulation flammability standards that accomplish certain things, including maintaining overall building fire safety. **Status: Signed by the Governor; CalChiefs remained in a "watch" position.**
4. Assembly Bill 347 (Achadjian): Existing law requires a convicted arsonist to register with certain local officials in the area in which he or she resides. Existing law also requires the registering law enforcement agency to forward certain information about the person to the Department of Justice, including a signed statement, and the person's fingerprints and photograph.

This bill would require the Department of Justice to make all of these statements, photographs, and fingerprints available to all chief fire officials of a legally organized fire department or fire protection district in the state. **Status: Suspended in Committee; CalChiefs remained in a "watch" position.**

5. Assembly Bill 433 (Gordon): Existing law provides that the installation of a fire protection system may be performed only by a contractor holding a fire protection contractor classification, or by an owner-builder of an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, as specified.

# Legislative Committee

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This bill would authorize, until January 1, 2017, the installation of a residential fire protection system for a one- or two family dwelling by a contractor holding a fire protection contractor classification or a plumbing contractor classification, as defined in the regulations of the board.

This bill would authorize the State Fire Marshal to propose, adopt, and administer the regulations that he or she deems necessary in order to ensure fire safety in buildings and structures and would require regulations that are building standards to be submitted to the State Building Standards Commission for approval. The bill would authorize the State Fire Marshal to establish and collect reasonable fees to implement these provisions. **Status: Signed by the Governor; Supported by CalChiefs**

6. **Assembly Bill 462 (Stone):** This bill would require a residential care facility for the elderly or adult residential facility, as defined, that has a valid license as of January 1, 2014, to have installed and maintained on and after January 1, 2018, an operable automatic fire sprinkler system approved by the State Fire Marshal. The bill would require a residential care facility, defined to include these facilities, for which a license is newly issued on or after January 1 2017, to have an approved, operable automatic fire sprinkler system. The bill would also provide that if the facility does not own the property the property owner shall determine all phases of construction, and the facility licensee shall pay all associated with compliance with these provisions. **Status: Failed Committee; Supported by CalChiefs**
7. **Assembly Bill 1105 (Hueso):** This bill would require an initial statement of reasons for any regulation that is a building standard, regardless of whether the building standard impacts housing, to include the information specified above. **Status: Suspended in Committee; Watched by CalChiefs**
8. **Senate Bill 338 (Hill):** This bill would require a limousine that has been modified or extended for purposes of increasing vehicle length and passenger capacity to be equipped with two readily accessible and fully charged fire extinguishers and would require one fire extinguisher to be securely mounted in the driver's compartment and at least one to be accessible to the passengers. The bill would require the driver or operator of the limousine to notify the passengers of the location of each fire extinguisher prior to the commencement of any trip. There are several other administrative procedures to the bill as well. **Status: Vetoed by Governor; Supported by CalChiefs**
9. **Senate Bill 483 (Jackson):** This bill would revise and recast the area and business plan requirements and, among other things, would require instead that a unified program agency enforce these requirements. The bill would instead require the inspection program that is part of the unified program to include the onsite inspections of businesses and would delete the requirement to institute a data management system.

The bill would require the unified program agency to provide to agencies that have certain shared responsibilities access to information collected in the statewide information management system and would require handlers to submit certain information to that system, as specified. The bill would require a business owner, operator, or officially designated representative, to annually review and certify that the information in the statewide information database has been verified and is complete, accurate, and up-to-date.

This bill would also delete obsolete provisions and make general conforming changes. **Status: Signed by the Governor; Supported and Co-Sponsored by CalChiefs.**

# Legislative Committee

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10. Senate Bill 777 (Calderon): This is the fireworks related bill that has been worked on for several years. There are provisions within it for the sale of Safe and Sane fireworks during time periods other than the Fourth of July. There are also provisions for training, enforcement, and disposal of fireworks. Additionally, there are provisions for fees that can be required as well as fines. **Status: The bill was pulled by the author and turned into a two-year bill; CalChiefs remains in a "watch" position.**

In conclusion, the Legislative Committee and the boards are looking forward to another busy year. We are anticipating introducing legislation that will require certification of Fire Prevention Officers similar to that of our counterparts in the building departments.



NorCal FPO General Membership Meeting on Hawaiian Shirt Day

# Marketing and Membership Committee

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This year the Membership and Marketing Committee worked on a number of projects:

- Created a membership brochure
- Developed a Marketing Plan for the 2014 Inspection Guide
- Participated in the development of a new website
- Recommended marketing changes to the current website
- Participated in industry events promoting NorCal membership
- Worked on the Driving Ahead for Prevention Golf Tournament
- Offered for sale FPO wear at meetings

It is the on going goal of the Marketing and Membership Committee to inform and educate potential members of the advantages of NorCal membership not only for the individual but for the jurisdiction. Membership provides resources that include mentoring, code interpretations, a direct link to the State Fire Marshal's office and a learning environment allowing fire prevention officers to increase their skills and grow their careers.

Committee participation allows new members to take an active part in the growth of their professional knowledge and development. Marketing engages new members in committees relevant to their jurisdictions. Through Committee involvement, members have direct access to their professional counterparts who address the same code challenges. NorCal FPO committees and NorCal's link to the State Fire Marshal's office render code interpretations, assisting fire prevention officers in their determinations.

The Marketing and Membership Committee earns promotional funds through the sale of FPO wear. It's the collar shirts and job shirts with the California Fire Chiefs logo that support the efforts of NorCal FPOs to reach all jurisdictions and engage their members. NorCal FPOs hosts its annual FPO Wear Meeting in the spring. Members are encouraged to wear their FPO Wear to one meeting as a show of unity within our professional community.

Every other year NorCal FPO's Marketing and Membership co-chairs promote membership and jurisdictional support of our organization through participation at the annual FPO conference in Buellton, CA. FPO Wear is sold during the week-long event. Additionally a new member booth is hosted on vendor day, promoting the benefits of membership.

It continues to be the goal of the Marketing and Membership co-chairs to engage industry associates as members of NorCal FPO. Industry associates provide code related product knowledge and often support our organizational activities through event hosting and project funding. The success of NorCal FPO is due to its diverse membership base made up of FPO officers, code consultants, vendors and building department officials.

# Marketing and Membership Committee

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### 2014 Goals:

1. Promote membership to jurisdictions, fire prevention officers, vendors and all other interested parties.
2. Recruit new associate members by strategically targeting related industry associates.
3. Host the FPO booth at the annual California Fire Prevention Officers Institute (CFPI).
4. Finalize and implement the marketing plan for the Inspection Guide
5. Develop an overall marketing plan for NorCal FPOs.



NorCal Board presents check to the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation.  
Board members from left to right: Doug Williams, Isaac Mendel, Ray Iverson, Gini Krippner, Evan Scher, (from Burn Foundation), Rocque Yballa, Amber Anderson, Robert Marshall, Tim Annis

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The Northern California Public Education Committee aims to educate the public on preventing fires and injuries before they occur. Public Education personnel often serve as a vital link between the fire department and the community. Attend Public Education committee meetings to make sure you are using 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.

NorCal Public Education Committee meetings take place on the second Thursday of every month from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. To be added to the Public Education Committee email list, please contact one of the Committee co-chairs.

Below are the Public Education Committee's 2013 Goals and a summary of the year's work:

### Goal #1: Monthly Meetings

1. Monthly meetings will still be held at San Ramon Valley Fire (central location)
2. Date of meeting will remain second Thursday of every month

The Committee held monthly meetings at San Ramon Valley Fire in 2013 because it is a central location. Novato Fire hosted one of our meetings in September 2013. Another one of our meetings was held at a Committee member's home in Sacramento and after our meeting, our Committee enjoyed walking over to the California State Fire Marshal's office for their open house in May 2013. The Committee decided that the dynamics were not there during our conference call meetings so we will be meeting in-person at all meetings. The Committee decided to go back to rotating locations for the 2014 meetings. Attendance at our meetings has been consistent with approximately eight committee members attending regularly.



### 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 had two meetings with guest speakers in attendance. At our June 2013 meeting, Safe Kids Alameda County coordinator, Kat Woolbright, shared a program titled "Ages and Stages" that explained how to use childhood development milestones to determine safety risks. At our September 2013 meeting, Carol Ann Moore from the Margaret Todd Senior Center spoke to us about creating and marketing programs for older adults. We were able to attend a presentation of "Safety Begins at Home with Ben and Ali" given by Shriners' Hospital for Children of Northern California in Sacramento in February 2013. After the program, the Committee attended a Vision 20/20 meeting.

# Public Education Committee

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### **Goal #3: Support CFPI in Community Risk Reduction Track for 2014 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.
3. Attend Fire & Life Safety Educators Conference in Colorado to attend classes and talk with instructors.

We were given only one day to put on a public education class at the CFPI Buellton Workshop in 2014. Selena Brown from Woodside Fire will be presenting "When Words are Not Enough" on Thursday, March 13, 2014. The purpose of this program is to provide basic information vital to understanding individuals with varying degrees of developmental, psychosocial and physical disabilities. It is hoped that following this presentation, participants will be more effective and better prepared to plan and implement programs and services that impact individuals with disabilities. The two co-chairs will be attending the Fire & Life Safety Educators Conference in Colorado in April 2014.

### **Goal #4: Host a Community Education Class or Training through the NorCal FPO**

1. Look into 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 the Association's activities.

The Committee was able to provide a one-day class at the CFPI Workshop in 2014. The Committee is hoping that this class will be well attended so we can get more days next year. It was decided not to host an additional educational class or training in 2013.

### **Goal #5: Create Smoke Alarm DVD and Target Safety Training**

1. Collaborate with Underwriter's Laboratories (UL) and the State Fire Marshal on Smoke Alarm DVD using Vision 20/20 messages.

The Committee has created a draft outline for the DVD. The draft has been submitted to UL and reviewed by the State Fire Marshal. Jennifer Rubin, Joyce Castro and Sandy Wargo have met with Ron Farr from UL regarding the smoke alarm DVD. We are trying to reach out to a family who has recently had a fire and was alerted by their working smoke alarm and escaped to the outside to tell their story on the video. Joyce is working on getting a quote from an insurance carrier on how much it would cost a family if they had a fire in their house.

### **Additional Committee Activities**

The Public Education Committee was contacted by State Fire Training staff that will be leading the development and validation cadres for the new Community Risk Officer curriculum. Committee co-chairs were asked to help recruit qualified individuals to submit cadre applications. State Fire Training is currently accepting cadre applications and they hope to start the curriculum development process in early 2014.

The Public Education Committee coordinated all of the volunteers at the annual NorCal FPO Golf Tournament. We had a total of 11 volunteers who did everything from registration, staffing putting and hole-in-one contests, setting up signs around golf course, driving two beverage carts and clean-up. Everything went smoothly and it was a very successful golf tournament.

Committee member Sandy Wargo from Novato Fire District created a press release on the dangers of sky lanterns. The press release was requested by the NorCal Executive Board and can be used by any member agency.

The work of the Public Education Committee brought members into increased contact with SoCal members, the State Fire Marshal's Office and the NorCal Board Members. These renewed communications have provided a stronger voice

# Public Education Committee

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### SOUTHERN DIVISION

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The SoCal Public Education Committee is comprised of representatives from various fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agencies as well as injury prevention organizations. Public Educators are few and far between so the responsibility of coordinating or delivering public education programs usually comes as collateral duties under the “other duties as assigned” clause in some job descriptions. Several of our members wear multiple hats including that of inspector, public information officer, firefighter or others. Recognizing that schedules are busy and monthly meetings can be impractical for our members, the group meets five times a year (the second Tuesday of February, April, June, September and November) for networking, resource sharing and training. The meet-

ings are rotated to various locations throughout Southern California, and often included a training program or facility tour that is beneficial to our members. To align ourselves with the fiscal year of July 1 – June 30, our meeting calendar and project goals have been adjusted. Our 2013 meeting schedule was:

February 2013 – Apple Valley

May 2013 – Orange County Fire Authority

June 2013 – Rancho Cucamonga

September 2013 – Santa Monica Fire

November 2013 – Costa Mesa Fire

We provide a variety of program topics that appeal to a wide audience – not just public educators! We’ve had training regarding our partnerships with law enforcement, including a presentation from the Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center (May) and WeTip (November). Keeping current with technology is key and our June meeting offered a Geographic Information System (GIS) demonstration from Rancho Cucamonga’s GIS Fire Analyst, highlighting story maps and incident data up to the second. We also had a presentation from Santa Monica after the active shooter incident in their city, emphasizing how Social Media is driving the way we information/alert the public. Because we live in culturally diverse communities we had a presentation from Orange County Fire Authority who provided information from the National Fire Academies class “Cultural Competence and Risk Reduction”.

The SoCal Public Education Committee also likes to draw attention to recently published articles that discuss how public educators can play a role in sharing key findings, such as the way modern day furnishings and construction have changed residential fires with a key component being “public education” campaigns to educate families and home owners on fire prevention and escape plans. A second article was published in the April 2013 issue of *Fire Chief Magazine*, titled “[Game Changer.](#)” It not only addresses firefighter tactics for fires with modern furnishings and construction components, but also raises some questions about our fire and life safety messages. Throughout 2013 we continued to work on our Goals and will do so for 2014!

1. Provide conference call option for bi-monthly meetings.
2. Establish a yearly calendar of meeting topics and locations.
3. Seek guest speakers to present timely topics at committee meetings.
4. Maintain web blog on FPO website.
5. Regional collaboration on injury prevention campaigns.
6. Increase public educators’ attendance at California Fire Prevention Institute.

# Wildland Urban Interface Committee

## NORTHERN DIVISION

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The NorCal FPO Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) committee presented a day long workshop for the CFPI exploring the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) diverse impacts on wildfire issues and code development, including fuel management projects, coordination between fire regulations and environmental protections, and best management practices. This training built and expanded upon the successful class hosted by the NorCal WUI committee in Oakland in November 2012, and met a Committee objective of providing greater inclusion of and compliance with protected species and habitat regulation in the enforcement of California wildfire mitigation regulations.

Carol Rice attended the SoCal WUI committee meeting at the Los Angeles County Fire Department Base Camp in July, and reported on NorCal activities and plans, including her formal liaison with the California Wildfire Coordinating Group Prevention Committee, and closer relationship between that group and the FPOs. Carol Rice brought back ideas on meeting mid-month scheduling and reported SoCal WUI Committee activities to our committee at the next NorCal monthly meeting.

The Committee continues to explore developing a database and evaluation methods of the options for retroactive application of ignition resistant construction in existing housing. In addition, it continues to strengthen relationships and coordination with the California Wildfire Coordinating Group Prevention Committee, the California Fire Science Consortium, Hills Emergency Forum and several FireSafe Councils. Effective partnership with groups working on various aspects of wildfire safety and prevention is another objective of the NorCal WUI committee.

We initiated the program, "One Less Spark, One Less Wildfire," for the September General Meeting. This was the fruition of the yearlong participation of co-chair Carol Rice in the California Wildfire Coordinating Group Prevention Committee, which is comprised of representatives from state and federal agencies. The NorCal FPO involvement provides local representation, and allows mutually beneficial information and resource exchange with local, state and federal fire agencies.

A shared objective of the NorCal and SoCal WUI committees is the development of defensible space inspector curriculum development and delivery. The successful delivery of training to fire officials conducting inspections for compliance with the California Fire Code, Title-19, Title-14, Government Code and public resource code is essential for the efficient and effective enforcement of the requirements for community protection from wildfire. Effective mitigation of wildfire hazards is dependant on a cohesive strategy involving partnership between government agencies, environmental protection, community values and property owner understanding and action.

# Wildland Urban Interface Committee

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The Committee activities continue to be focused on code development and training during the year. The implementation of a revised Chapter 7a in the California Building Code (CBC) and the parallel evolution of the ICC produced numerous requests for interpretation as well as requests for educational presentations, many of which were set up by the California State Fire Marshal's Office. The Committee continues to be very active in code and standards development with past 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 were active in the rewrite of CBC Chapter 7a. 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 in 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 will 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 for the FPO. We are developing additional classes using this class as a model which will be made available regionally. We directed additional time and energy to the improvement of attic and eave vent design and the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) development of ember intrusion test apparatus and protocols to standardize the approval of such products. 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 2013, and will be using the acquired knowledge to continue our efforts in code change process. 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 Grant 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 postmarked 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
		2012	Wes Arvin

## Most recent scholarship recipients are:

2011	Christine Reed	2012	Isaac Mendel
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# 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

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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
2012	Kevin Scott	Kern County Fire Department

# 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, CA 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.

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## Mary Eriksen-Rattan Award Recipients

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

# Past President's Project

NorCal and SoCal have embarked on a project that documents our history. Phase one of that project has produced a Past Presidents perspective for NorCal. Look for the SoCal Past President history in 2014.

It is said, "Before you can look to the future, you must consider the past." The accomplishments of NorCal FPOs as a section of the California Fire Chiefs' Association have been numerous throughout the years. Those of us with careers in fire prevention know that, "...what comes around, comes around again."

In an effort to document those many contributions, NorCal has taken the time to provide a historical perspective of our organization. The documented history of NorCal FPO was gathered by NorCal Past President Steven D. Hart. This document chronicles almost a half century of fire prevention accomplishments by Fire Prevention Offices, a Section of the California Fire Chief Association. You won't be surprised that "in the day" we were fighting for sprinklers and smoke detector and realize, we are fighting that same fight today. Different battles but the same war with some of the same enemies!

Additionally, while we still have access to retired past presidents, NorCal has created a retrospective of NorCal past presidents. While there are a few spaces and gaps, this is a living document that we hope will continue for years to come. From this document, you will find the types of experiences and accolades that contributed to the overall development of individual careers and our Association. I hope you will take a look to find an old friend or identify yourself with a few of these individuals and know that you too can help us achieve the same level of success!

This document will be located on our website under History and Awards.



NorCal Past Presidents

From left to right: Steve Hart, Dennis Mathieson, Morgana Yahnke, Bill Greene, Matt DePaul, Mike Stewart, Darren Drake, Angela Guiliani, Wes Arvin, Darrell Harguth, Keith Shoenthal, John Buchanan,



# California Fire Chiefs Association Fire Prevention Officers Section

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<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR    Member of government agency, department, allied organization or similar	__ \$65.00 [4040]	__ \$55.00 [4010]
<input type="checkbox"/> ASSOCIATE    Member of business or private enterprise with financial interest in fire service	__ \$100.00 [4045]	__ \$90.00 [4015]
<input type="checkbox"/> RETIRED    Retired member of government agency, department or allied organization	__ \$35.00 [4050]	__ \$25.00 [4020]
<input type="checkbox"/> STUDENT    Student with interest in fire service not qualifying as regular or associate	__ \$35.00 [4055]	__ \$25.00 [4025]

The success of the California Fire Prevention Officers organization lies within committee involvement; please join one of the following committees. Check the box for the committee(s) of your interest and one of the co-chairs will contact you with more information.

- Building Standards (NorCal)                       Fire Code (NorCal)                       Fire Service Education
- Fire Protection Equipment & Devices                       Hazardous Materials                       Legislative
- Marketing & Membership (NorCal)                       Public Education                       Wildland Urban Interface
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**(Please check if you are a member of the following organizations)**

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