

**The Virginia Fire Prevention Association
Presents:**

The 2019 Spring Training Conference and Annual Meeting

Date: May 19 – 22, 2019

Location: Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Virginia Beach - North Beach
3900 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach VA 23451

**Conference
Description:**

This informative 2 ½ day event offers fire and building code enforcement personnel with continuing education opportunities in multiple subject areas. This year's event offers attendees the option for course attendance, focusing on the technical or management areas of code enforcement.

This event will also offer multiple networking opportunities through the 2019 Annual Meeting and our Monday evening Networking and Social Event.

Registration: Training Registration must be completed by visiting:
www.vfpa.org

Rates: Early Bird Registration Rates For Full Conference Attendance
Offered Through April, 19th

To register or to learn more, visit:

www.vfpa.org

“Serving Virginia’s Fire Service and Code Enforcement Communities Since 1968”

Schedule of Classes / Events

Time Frame	Attendance Option 1	Attendance Option 2
Sunday, May 19th		
17:00 – 18:00hrs	<u>VFPA Board of Directors Meeting</u> <i>(open to membership and guest)</i>	
Monday, May 20th		
0800 – 0900hrs	<u>Conference Opening</u> <i>Fire Chief David Hutchison, City of VA Beach</i> <u>Stakeholder Reports</u> <i>VDFP Director Michael Reilly</i> <i>VFMA Chief Garrett Dyer</i>	
0900 – 1200hrs	<u>ICC High Piled Storage</u> <i>ICC Instructor Mo Jones</i>	<u>Legislative Matters - How a Bill Becomes a Law</u> <i>VFPA Registered Lobbyist Bonnie Atwood</i>
1200 – 1300hrs	Catered Lunch	
1300 – 1700hrs	(continued) <u>ICC High Piled Storage</u> <i>ICC Instructor Mo Jones</i>	<u>A Case Study</u> <u>Loudoun County Fire Marshal's Office</u> <i>Chief Linda Hale</i> <i>Captain Chris Barry</i>
1730 – 2000hrs	Networking and Social Event Corn hole Tournament	
Tuesday, May 21st		
0800 – 1130hrs	<u>Keys to Fire Barrier Management and Inspections</u> <i>Midwest Firestopping – Tyler Bragg</i>	<u>Effective Communications in the Digital Age</u> <i>Statter911 – Dave Statter</i>
1130 – 1200hrs	VFPA Annual Meeting VFPA Committee Updates Election of Officers	
1200 – 1300hrs	Catered Lunch	
1300 – 1700hrs	<u>Agritourism – What is it and what you need to know about it!</u> <i>Loudoun County Chief Fire Marshal Linda Hale</i>	(continued) <u>Effective Communications in the Digital Age</u> <i>Statter911 – Dave Statter</i>
Wednesday, May 22nd		
0800 – 1200hrs	<u>Preparation for the (Fire Protection Inspector) 3B Exam</u> <i>Ernie Little</i>	<u>Food Truck Inspections - What we need to know and do!</u> <i>Gerry Maiatico, Warren County FMO</i>

Course Descriptions

Effective Communications in the Digital Age – Dave Statter

Social media and the Internet have changed the way we communicate and the way we receive news. This revolution has a direct impact on every organization and every leader, including the fire service and its leaders.

Like many technological advances, it's a double-edged sword. These digital platforms provide a key means to greatly enhance your organization's image and reputation. Social media has also destroyed reputations and careers in the fire service, including "victims" who've never even used Facebook or Twitter.

Topics covered include:

- The importance of social media for you and your organization.
- Building reputation equity daily through social media. Examples of best practices from around the country.
- Social media during critical incidents in your community.
- How the use of social media by your firefighters and the public impacts your organization.

Special Presenter - Instructor Bio

Dave Statter runs STATter911 Communications, LLC in Falls Church, Virginia. STATter911 Communications specializes in helping public safety agencies and other organizations tell their story in a digital world of instant communications.

STATter911 Communications focuses on strategies for handling reputation issues and crisis communications using traditional and social media.



Dave spent almost 40 years in the broadcasting industry. For 25 years Dave was a reporter at WUSA-TV in Washington, D.C., covering the top news stories in and around the Nation's Capital. At STATter911 Communications, Dave uses his television background to lead an Emmy award winning team producing videos for the fire service and other clients.

Dave is a communications consultant for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, where he has also hosted and produced the Memorial Weekend telecasts since 1996. Dave is also a principal at EventC₂, LLC, a Delaware based emergency planning and event management consulting group. He's also a partner at First Arriving, a firm providing marketing, recruitment, websites and technology for public safety organizations.

In his youth, Dave was a volunteer firefighter, fire department dispatcher and cardiac rescue technician in Prince George's County, Maryland.

Since 2007 Dave has published the popular fire and EMS website, STATter911.com.

International Code Council – 2015 IFC High Piled Combustible Storage

This course provides a basic understanding of the hazards associated with high-piled combustible storage and introduces the participants to the provisions in Chapter 32 of the 2015 edition of the International Fire Code (IFC). The seminar is based, in part, on the High-piled Combustible Storage Application Guide. In addition, because of the importance of automatic sprinkler systems in the protection of high-piled combustible storage, the seminar places special emphasis on the classification of commodities and understanding the design criteria in NFPA 13 for storage.

The Success of an Accidental Fire Incident: A Loudoun County FMO Case Review

On Sunday August 5, 2018, there was an accidental structure fire at the Dodge Terrace Apartments, built in 1999, located in Ashburn, VA. During the fire, no water came out of the fire sprinkler system despite the release of the fusible link. Yet, the main sprinkler valves were on. So why didn't the sprinkler head activate? An investigator with the Loudoun County Fire Marshal's Office (FMO) investigated the root cause. What he found was unexpected. Since 2009 there have been hundreds of documented failures of the Reliable G3 dry sprinkler heads.

As a result of the failures, the Loudoun County FMO launched an investigation to determine where these heads may be found, first focusing on the greatest life hazard, multi-family dwellings. Since that time there have been seven complexes with 60+ buildings and thousands of heads. In order to ensure fire and life safety against a backdrop of thousands of potentially malfunctioning sprinkler heads, the Loudoun County FMO placed the affected occupancies on fire watch due to the highly documented failure rate under fire conditions, until the systems were brought into compliance. Subsequently two appeals were received under section 112.5 of the SFPC. This lecture will cross walk the O ring recalls and failures, actions of the Loudoun County FMO, the appeal process, outcomes and on-going activities.

Agritourism – What is it and what you need to know about it!

Virginia agritourism represents a \$2.2 billion economic impact based on a 2016 study conducted by Virginia Tech. This makes it a substantial contributing factor to the economic health and well-being of the Commonwealth. There are approximately 1,400 establishments in Virginia that fall under the agritourism sector. Roughly 56% of these venues are open to the public throughout the year.

Stated more technically, agritourism can be defined as a form of commercial enterprise that links agricultural production and/or processing with tourism in order to attract visitors onto a farm, ranch, or other agricultural business for the purposes of entertaining and/or educating the visitors and generating income for the farm, ranch, or business owner. By combining agriculture and tourism, agritourism offers new sources of revenue but also presents potential problems and complications to agritourism operators, the visitors, and compliance with previously enforced codes in places of assembly.

This lecture will explore the popular movement of agritourism in Virginia, the pitfalls, current pressures and the complications faced by and to the enforcement of the fire and building codes. As agritourism sits in the crossroads of tourism and agriculture, this program will also highlight the codes revealing what may be enforced and where the outreach, community involvement and educational efforts may be focused.

Legislative Matters – “It never ends: The Perpetual Circus of Virginia Government”

Ever wonder how that law that affects what you do, what you inspect, was developed? Twenty-year lobbyist, Bonnie Atwood, J.D., takes participants through the organization of state government; the written and unwritten “rules”; how to make an impact; how to track bills and budgets; who’s who; effective communication; negotiation; and drafting and delivering testimony for legislative hearings which may impact Virginia Fire Service and Code Enforcement Communities.

Keys to Fire Barrier Management and Inspections

This program reinforces the key aspects of fire barrier management with regards to reducing asset risk and liability, while increasing public safety. Attendees will review the requirements in NFPA 101, the requirements of The Joint Commission, DNV, HFAP, and CMS, as well as, local, state, and Federal AHJ’s, as it relates to Fire and Smoke Containment. This course will also provide examples of how to evaluate, coordinate, and inspect work performed by contractors, as well as, in house personnel that install firestop in their facilities by properly applying the fire and smoke barrier specifications and through understand the importance quality, comprehensive specifications can play in coordinating new construction projects, as well as, renovation projects.

Food Truck Inspections – What we need to know and do!

The adoption of the 2015 Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code included specific language that regulates the long standing “battle” with regards to the elusive “Food Truck”. Localities now have the ability to permit, regulate and enforce clear and defined fire prevention and safety codes for mobile food preparation vehicles.....but is it really that easy? This course will review Section 319 of the 2015 SFPC, case studies, and best practices that can assist the fire code inspector inspect these “rolling buildings”.

Preperation for the Fire Inspector 3B Exam

This four hour class introduces the student to the NCPCCI testing process and codes and standards the Fire Protection General 3B examination is based upon. Successful passing of this examination is one of the requirements for the Fire Protection Inspector certification which is required by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development for those who conduct or witness acceptance tests for Fire Protection Systems. The class provides the student the knowledge of the guidelines and requirements for the examination which is administered by the NCCPCI. It also uses questions from the reference materials for the examination to provide the student insight into the nature of questions they may see on the examination. These questions are based upon the 2015 International Building Code, NFPA 13, 1013 edition, and NFPA 72, 2013 edition.

Registration and Check-in Information

Conference Registration must be completed online at www.vfpa.org

Individual courses may be cancelled or replaced based on number of pre-registrations.

Student Check-In will begin at 0700hrs each day of the conference.

Attendees are responsible for scheduling their own lodging needs, mention the VFPA Conference to get conferenace rate from the host hotel.