



Inside the Center for Campus Fire Safety



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HISTORY

The Center for Campus Fire Safety (CCFS) is the only national, non-profit, membership-based organization devoted to fire- and life-safety on the more than 4,000 institutes of higher learning in the U.S. As a non-profit corporation, its operations are underwritten by the generosity of companies and organizations that share a commitment to ensuring that America's 18 million college and university students are afforded fire-safe environments in which to live and learn. CCFS has also received funding for its education-training program, Firewise Campus, from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) through the Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program.

CCFS provides a needed focal point for experts to use in exchanging information. CCFS is recognized as an expert organization in the field of campus fire safety and as a result serves as a national spokesperson to the media.

CCFS has enjoyed great success since its beginning in October 2003. By focusing exclusively on campus fire safety and providing support services to institutions, organizations, and individuals across the country we have seen great support for our message. This has been accomplished through extensive outreach, education, and information dissemination. CCFS is also participating on a national level as the campus fire service representative in the allied areas of campus safety, security, and emergency planning.

The Center for Campus Fire Safety has four main goals:

MAKING STUDENTS MORE AWARE OF THE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY THAT THEY HAVE IN FIRE SAFETY,

EDUCATING AND INFORMING PARENTS ABOUT FIRE SAFETY SO THEY MAKE EDUCATED DECISIONS ABOUT WHERE TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN,

SUPPORTING ALL PROFESSIONALS WORKING TO ENSURE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ARE SAFE FROM FIRE, AND

ENCOURAGING SCHOOLS TO ELEVATE THEIR LEVELS OF FIRE SAFETY.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

A dedicated Board of Directors governs CCFS, which provides the driving force behind operations and represents CCFS at events and meetings across the country. Its Advisory Council of industry representatives, business professionals, individuals who have experienced the loss of a family member in a campus-related fire, and other recognized leaders, and provides guidance for programs and assist in forming the organization's strategic plan.

In September 2007, the Center established a national headquarters in the historic seaport of Newburyport, Massachusetts, which provides the physical infrastructure for the continued success of its projects and initiatives.

CCFS LEADERSHIP TEAM

Officers

Paul D. Martin
President

Paul is chief of the Bureau of Fire Prevention with the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control where he served as a principle architect of New York State's nationally acclaimed Campus Fire Safety Program.

Michael Swain
Director

Michael is the Campus Fire Prevention Officer at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and has worked in fire prevention at the university for more than 19 years.

Tim Knisely
Secretary and Treasurer

Tim is the Senior Fire Inspector for the Centre Region Code Administration in State College, PA, a regional government agency responsible for the enforcement of fire and building codes.

Mike Halligan
Immediate Past President

Mike is the Associate Director of Environmental Health and Safety at the University of Utah where he is responsible for fire prevention and special events safety on campus. He has lectured on the topic of housing fire safety and campus fire prevention programs throughout the world.

Board of Directors

Randall Hormann Director

Randall has been a firefighter for the last 23 years. He spent more than 15 years in fire safety/public safety for larger Division I schools in Ohio, as well as years of consulting on student training programs and philosophy and campus fire safety.

Janet Maupin Director

Janet is a Deputy Fire Marshal for the Champaign, Illinois, Fire Department. She inspects university-owned buildings and delivers fire safety education to students and staff at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign campus.

Gail Minger Director

In 1998, Gail's son, Michael, was killed in an arson fire at Murray State University where he was enrolled in the university's program for students with learning disability.

Alan Sactor Director

Alan is an Assistant Director with the University of Maryland Department of Environmental Safety and the University Fire Marshal. He manages a staff of 10 full- and part-time deputy fire marshals, fire inspectors, and fire protection engineers.

Robert Ferrara Director

Robert is the Director of Fire Safety for Montclair State University. He manages all aspects of life safety throughout the University, including fire and life safety inspections of campus buildings. He is also responsible for training University personnel and providing educational programs and establishing guidelines for fire safe materials.

Staff

Diane Collins, Coordinator of Government Relations

Cathy Tabor, Communications & Marketing Manager

Lynne Wagstaff, Coordinator of Business Operations

Melissa Post, Administrative Specialist

Christopher D. Rinck, Special Projects Team Leader

Peter Steven Mattola, Campus e-News Reporter

CCFS Instructional Cadre

The Center for Campus Fire Safety's lineup of instructors is comprised of highly recognized and well-regarded professionals in the area of campus fire safety.

In addition to many members of the CCFS Board of Directors, who themselves also remain active fire and life safety educators, this collection of dedicated experts conducts many training programs on behalf of the Center, sharing their collective expertise and knowledge in the challenging area of campus fire safety.

- Alana Davis
- Luisa Ferreira
- Sherry Kenyon
- Shawn Kaufman
- James Patton
- Walter D. Patterson
- Guy Swartwout

COMMITTEES AT CCFS

Education and Events Committee

The purpose of the Education Committee is to develop programs, events, products, and services that enhance the technical skills and professional knowledge of CCFS's members. The committee's primary responsibilities include planning and implementing the annual Campus Fire Forum, professional development seminars (PDS) and other specialty training programs offered, or co-sponsored by CCFS.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee serves to increase our membership of high-caliber fire and life safety professionals from colleges and universities as well as others who have an interest in campus fire safety. The Membership Committee also provides guidance regarding elements pertaining to membership and member benefits/services in the organization. It is comprised of members who are knowledgeable about best practices in the capacity-building field.

Codes, Standards and Technical Research Committee

The Codes, Standards and Technical Research Committee is charged with assessing and promoting proposals for changes in national model codes, industry and reference standards as they relate to college and university infrastructures. It also has responsibility for coordinating and facilitating the promotion of scientific research in the field of fire and life safety. The Committee works to provide guidance to the Board as it develops organizational positions on such matters.

Government Relations Committee

The Government Relations Committee's mission is to monitor and inform membership of proposed and new regulatory guidance, rules, and regulations that are likely to impact fire and/or life safety at colleges and universities, primarily at, but not limited to, the national level. The committee often participates in rule development, prepare comments and testimony, and otherwise work to influence rulemaking. The committee helps members easily find relevant information on government regulations, as well as develop and provide other compliance assistance to higher education institutions.

Professional Relations Committee

The professional relations committee includes individuals who have been designated as a liaison to another professional association or organization as appointed by the president. The role of its members is to assure proper representation of CCFS's interests in allied professional organizations. Additionally, members of this committee may be specifically designated as a "CCFS ambassador" to the businesses and individuals who graciously provide underwriting and/or donate capital, goods and services.

OUR SPONSORS

Each organization has demonstrated a commitment to supporting the cause of campus fire safety and the free exchange of information to support the many professionals dedicated to protecting our nation's colleges and universities.

- National Fire Sprinkler Association
- Underwriters Laboratories
- Road Sprinkler Fitters Local Union 669
- SimplexGrinnell
- National Electrical Manufacturers Association
- Tyco Fire and Building Products
- SIEMENS
- *FIREPRO*® Incorporated
- National Fire Protection Association
- International Code Council
- Honeywell Fire Systems
- System Sensor
- Michael H. Minger Foundation

CCFS - A MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION

CCFS is a member-based organization reaching out to Campus and local Fire Officials, Advocates of Fire Safety, Government, Associations, Manufacturers, Distributors, Specifying Influences, Risk Insurers and more. Several membership types exist:

- **Regular Members**

Regular members have responsibility for fire safety programs, policy, and/or practices on a college or university. They are in the fire service or are governmental officials with an interest in, or responsibility for, fire safety programs on or with a college or university. Regular members are entitled to hold elective office, serve on the Board of Directors and vote on all matters requiring a vote of the general membership.

- **Associate Members**

Associate Members are interested in the goals and objectives of CCFS, but are not eligible for Regular membership. They are not a business, corporation, organization, or representative of same. Associate Members have all the benefits of Regular membership, except they are not eligible to hold the office of President, Vice-President, or Secretary/Treasurer.

- **Affiliate Members**

Affiliate Members are individuals representing a business, corporation or organization/association and are interested in the affairs of the CCFS but who are not eligible for a Regular or Associate membership. Affiliate members are not eligible to hold elective office, serve on the Board of Directors, or have voting privileges. Affiliate Members are allowed to post their product/service information on the CCFS Member website for Regular and Associate Members to see.

ACTIVITIES

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

CCFS has a very active legislative agenda advocating for the College Fire Prevention Act, the Campus Fire Safety Right-to-Know Act, and the Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act. Providing testimony, background information and letters of support for fire prevention and suppression employing both passive and active technologies are used by CCFS to seek changes in legislation related to campus fire safety.

CCFS has also served as a primary negotiator on rule-making committee appointed by the United States Department of Education. The negotiating sessions helped develop the regulations that will ultimately be promulgated to carry out the Higher Education Opportunity Act, wherein many of the fire safety standards of the original Campus Fire Safety Right-to-Know Act were incorporated when signed into law in late 2008.

Due to evidence indicating that a vast number of student-related fires involve smoking, cigarette fire safety is an area of particular concern. As a member of the Coalition for Fire-Safe Cigarettes, the CCFS is working to decrease the number of fires and casualties caused by the careless disposal of smoking materials and incidents when sleep or alcohol or drug impairment causes smokers to leave cigarettes burning unattended. CCFS applauds the efforts undertaken by New York State to become one of the first states to implement a cigarette fire safety standard and encourages colleges and universities to share information about this critical safety issue with student health services.

The CCFS is also pleased to support the U.S. Fire Administration in its campaign against residential fires caused by the careless use and disposal of smoking materials. The Center enthusiastically joins in getting out the message to "Put it out. All the way. Every time."

We also support and help USFA to promote its INSTALL. INSPECT. PROTECT. campaign encouraging residents to install smoke alarms and sprinklers.

NON-PROFIT PARTNERS OF CCFS

United States Fire Administration

As an entity of the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency, the mission of the USFA is to foster a solid foundation in prevention, preparedness, and response by providing national leadership to local fire and emergency services.

Common Voices

Common Voices is an Advocates' Coalition sponsored by the National Fire Sprinkler Association (NFSA). These advocates have all been directly affected by fire. By bringing their voices together, the NFSA hopes to assist the advocates in their quest to ensure that others will not have to deal with similar tragedies. This coalition strives to make a difference by sharing their stories and influencing change.

Congressional Fire Services Institute

The Center is honored to be a member of CFSI's National Advisory Committee (NAC). The strength of CFSI lies in the NAC, a coterie of over trade groups, issue organizations, and professional associations including the leading fire service organizations in the country. Whether you are a firefighter, emergency services responder, manufacturer or fire safety professional, the United States Congress is more aware of your concerns because of the Congressional Fire Services Institute.

Foundation for the Advancement of Life Safety and Security

The Foundation offers individuals and organizations the opportunity to learn and experience the vital role that the architectural opening plays in life safety and security. You can learn more about the Foundation and its mission at www.lifesafetyandsecurity.org

International Residential Code Fire Sprinkler Coalition

The International Residential Code Fire Sprinkler Coalition is a not-for-profit corporation organized in accordance with Section 501(c) (6) of the Internal Revenue Code. Formed in 2007, the mission of the Coalition is to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the public and emergency responders by supporting the installation of fire sprinklers in residential occupancies.

National Association of State Fire Marshals

The membership of the National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM) represents the most senior fire officials in the United States. State Fire Marshals' responsibilities vary from state to state, but Marshals tend to be responsible for fire safety code adoption and enforcement, fire and arson investigation, fire incident data reporting and analysis, public education and advising Governors and State Legislatures on fire protection.

Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors

The Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors is the leading national non-profit organization dedicated to empowering anyone affected by a burn injury through peer support, education, and advocacy.

Security on Campus

Since its inception more than 20 years ago, SOC has drastically changed and positively affected the legal landscape and public arena regarding campus security, crime reporting, crime victim's rights, and crime prevention. In so doing, they have made the safety and security of our nation's college students) — our nation's treasure — a top priority of our justice system as well as our institutional leaders.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Firewise Campus Project

In 2006, the CCFS was awarded a grant for more than \$250,000 by the Department of Homeland Security for development of CCFS's *Firewise Campus* project. The goal of the project – which was conducted in partnership with UL University, the training division of Underwriters Laboratories Inc. – was the creation of a standardized training curriculum for campus fire safety officers along with a toolkit for use in support of their respective campus fire safety training programs.

In 2007, grant funding provided for 10 regional training workshops that reached 300 fire- and life-safety educators responsible for the safety of more than a million college students. Funding provided for materials, instructional staff, and the majority of direct costs otherwise borne by the students.

Another DHS grant in 2008 of nearly \$500,000 served to support the continuation of the *Firewise Campus* training as it had rapidly become critically acclaimed, with demand exceeding delivery capacity. Seminars were held in each of the ten Federal Emergency Management Agency regions across the country.

CCFS has sought additional grant funding in 2009 from DHS as demand continues to exceed delivery capacity and the program accolades continue. However, as of the date of this briefing, success in receipt of such funding has yet to be received. To learn more about the CCFS Firewise Campus project, visit www.firewisecampus.org.

Campus Fire Data (CFD)

The Center received funding from the Department of Homeland Security to develop a nationwide campus fire-reporting program, intended to create a more accurate and defined portrayal of fire as it affects colleges and universities in the United States.

Phase One focused on the development of an online data-collection system and incident reporting capacity. These components are designed to collect fire data from campuses across

the country while at the same time providing the entry-level user (college) an ability to retrieve and catalog vital incident information. During this initial grant project, while CCFS focused on creating the tools necessary to start collection of the data, it did so carefully, looking at the requirements the Department of Education would likely establish, in order to assure CCFS' criteria development would align with the Campus Fire Safety Right to Know Act.

Campus Fire Data now provides the launching point for a nationwide, online, FREE campus fire reporting system. This a system that will begin to paint a more accurate and defined picture of the campus fire issue. And as there has yet to be a true study done on the numbers this system will produce, CCFS is perfected poised to pioneer the effort. With this groundbreaking project well developed, CCFS is now positioned to enter Phase Two nationwide implementation. The Center is awaiting word on additional federal funds to carry out this important second phase.

To help launch this new product, CCFS is working to create new training programs that will help colleges and universities utilize this valuable data collection instrument as they work to mitigate the risk of fire on campus. For more information, visit www.campusfiredata.org

Campus Firezone Newsletter

The CCFS also publishes a free monthly newsletter: *Campus FireZone*. Electronically distributed directly to more than 15,000 professionals dedicated to preserving life and property from fire, each issue covers a variety of topics from code enforcement to professional development and includes reproducible fire-safety education materials. Back issues and subscriptions to *Campus Firezone* are available free on the CCFS website, which is located at www.campusfiresafety.org.

Campus Fire Forum

Each year the CCFS hosts the Campus Fire Forum, recognized as the only national conference focused exclusively on campus fire safety issues. Last year's event, the 10th anniversary – had a theme of "Extending Beyond the Residence Hall." The conference has been a perennial success, with attendees from colleges and universities, the local fire departments that

protect them, as well as fire and life-safety technology experts.

The conference provides the opportunity to interact and learn from campus fire safety professionals from around the U.S. and Canada. Agendas have included public education as well as emergency planning and technology components. Sessions included "Having an Exit Strategy," "Mass Notification," "Lab Safety," "Studies of Smoke Characterization," "Media Strategies," "The International Codes," "Fire Safety Awareness Campaigns," "Campus Emergency Preparedness for Large-Scale Events," "Off-Campus Housing," "Risk Management," "Student Firefighters" and more.

Campus Fire Safety Month

First proclaimed by the CCFS in 2005, Campus Fire Safety Month has really taken off. It gained national recognition in 2007 when the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate passed resolutions recognizing September as Campus Fire Safety Month. With additional support demonstrated through numerous gubernatorial proclamations, and the attention of other enterprises, the CCFS has organized a Campus Fire Safety Month Network with its various members, partners, allies, and sponsors. Accessible through the Center's website at www.campusfiresafety.org/CFSM, the network is intended to serve as a focal point to unite fire and university officials nationwide as they work to improve fire and life safety on campuses.

A cornerstone of Campus Fire Safety Month is the launch of back-to-campus campaigns in partnership with the various corporations. Past campaigns have included efforts with the Kidde Corporation and Home Depot, which saw the development of the Safe-on-Campus campaign, under which a wealth of information including an interactive virtual dormitory highlighting the most common fire safety issues found in student housing, press kits, statistics and photos were available to support educational program. Designated Home Depot stores hosted displays of safety checklists for parents sending their students back to school in conjunction with CCFS and Kidde supporting many campus level fire safety events nationwide.

In 2009 CCFS worked with Dominos Pizza and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) on a "Delivering Fire Safety on Campus" campaign.

UL Safety Tour

One of the regular features of the *Campus Firezone* newsletter is “FireFacts,” a series of educational fire safety topic tips produced jointly with Underwriters Laboratories, and CCFS is also actively involved in the UL Safety Tour.

A mobile exhibit of high-tech demonstrations and challenges designed to help consumers live safer lives by increasing awareness of hidden household dangers; this educational exhibit includes several interactive elements such as safety test simulations, safety-themed video games, a family fire escape plan and an obstacle course.

EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES

The CCFS is extremely proud to have been accepted onto the Congressional Fire Services Institute’s National Advisory Council and looks forward to continuing its work alongside its distinguished member organizations. Thanks to its reputation and network, the Center has also begun to participate in national campus safety and security initiatives and on task forces for comprehensive emergency planning for schools and campuses. Through its participation and representation as the fire voice in these think-tank exercises, the all-hazards approach to safety and security will be sure to include viewpoints from the fire service.

Other opportunities to present fire and life safety-related subject matter are consistently offered to the Center such as a recent special request by the University Risk Management and Insurance Association (URMIA) to provide campus risk managers an overview of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and comprehensive emergency response at their regional conference in Boston.

CONCLUSION

The Center for Campus Fire Safety fulfills a vital need as the focal point for campus fire safety. Our objective is to always provide quality service, but for the cost to never be a hurdle to an institution or individual. It is only through the generosity of our underwriters that this is possible. Any support that can be provided towards the Center's mission and programs is always greatly appreciated.



The Center for Campus Fire Safety is a non-profit, IRS 501(c) (3) organization formed to provide a central focal point for campus fire safety issues. Through education and advocacy, the Center works to raise awareness about campus fire safety and provide tools and information through its website. Its operations are funded through underwriting from companies and organizations dedicated to reducing the loss of life and property from fire on our nation's college and university campuses.