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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Jon Nisja

In my 24+ years in fire service, I have never seen a week that reminded me of the need for fire prevention and fire safety like the week of February 16 – 22. Quite frankly, I think many of us believed that the days of 50 or 60 or even 70 people dying in a single fire were ancient history. It was a cruel way to be welcomed back to reality.

Four incidents in a five day span: the Chicago E2 bar, Minneapolis Fine Line Music Theater, the South Korea Subway, and Rhode Island's Station Bar. Four incidents, thousands dead, hundreds more injured, all preventable. One of these incidents (Minneapolis Fine Line) could almost be a success story. It started out virtually identical to the Rhode Island incident: band-initiated pyrotechnics igniting the highly combustible stage materials. During the Fine Line incident something happened that slowed the fire growth and allowed occupants more time to escape. The difference: automatic fire sprinklers?

Of course afterwards there is an outcry on why the codes didn't do enough to protect the victims. Every time I see an incident like this, I am reminded of a quote from the end of NFPA's film: Fire in America. It goes something like this: "Our ability to control such fire disasters is not limited by technological means. It is limited by our desire to

use such technology in the face of great political pressure to keep our codes as weak and as flexible as possible. This is the real story about fire in America."

Remember the "Three Es" of fire safety: Engineering, Education, and Enforcement. Our codes are only as good as our efforts to enforce and educate. One of my favorite tricks by politicians is to pass "feel good" laws in response to an incident that have no enforcement or education components. Also, none of these incidents were preventable by sitting in an office fretting over a site plan for a new office building that had hydrant spacing that was 10 feet too far or that is one gallon over the exempt amounts of hazardous materials. These types of incidents are preventable by "burning some shoe leather".

### NEW PRESIDENT:

At the March meeting, my term as FMAM President is up. I want to thank you all for six wonderful years and for having the confidence to elect and re-elect me. It has been an honor and great pleasure to serve this association as President. I am very proud of what FMAM has accomplished during these past six years; the credit for those accomplishments should go to the FMAM Board.

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Here are some highlights of the past six years of accomplishments:

- A substantial increase in FMAM membership. I don't have exact numbers but we have gone from about 150 members to around 200 members.
- Commitment to legislative efforts with the other fire service groups.
- Provided financial support for public fire safety education and juvenile firesetter intervention conferences.
- Provided financial support for State Fire Marshal's State Fair hand-outs.
- Participated at Governor's Fire Safety Day at the State Fair.
- Had representatives on the International Fire Code's Scoping Committee, Drafting Committee, and Code Development Committee (1999, 2000, 2001).
- Have representatives and alternates from FMAM on critical NFPA Technical Committees (NFPA 1, 13, and 72).
- Aggressively supported a Legislative Auditor study in 1998 and 1999 on code enforcement in Minnesota.
- Provided funding for residential sprinkler booth and demonstration at St. Paul Home Show.
- Provided educational videos on fire drills, residential sprinklers, and candle safety to our members.
- Has provided several excellent training seminars. Have worked with Lake Country ICBO and National Fire Sprinkler Association to jointly sponsor some of these seminars.
- Increased our participation and committee representation as a Chapter of International Fire Code Institute (IFCI) and International Fire Marshals Association (IFMA).
- Sent representatives to the International Fire Code (IFC) hearings.
- Paid for a representative to attend hearings to pass a residential sprinkler requirement for the future editions of the IFC.
- Greatly expanded the FMAM web-site.
- Provided an electronic (e-mail) discussion

group.

- Increased meeting attendance from about 40 people to 80-90 people at quarterly meetings.
- Developed "retired" and "life" memberships in the association.
- Increased the visibility of the association through the sales of merchandise.

During these six years, I have had the wonderful opportunity to work with a number of very dedicated fire safety professionals on the FMAM Board. I would be remiss if I did not specifically mention many of them. In six years, there have been three excellent Vice Presidents: Dick MacAllister, Marilyn Arnlund, and Bob James. This position does a lot of the "behind the scenes" work for FMAM.

Steve Zaccard and Robbie Floyd have been the two secretaries during this time. George Magdal and Robbie Floyd have been the FMAM Editors during the past six years. These are the people who make sure that the information flows from the meetings and the Board to the members.

Patrick Doheny, Tom Deegan, and John Powers have served as Treasurers since 1997. The Treasurer handles the memberships, dues, and finances of the association. At times this is a very tedious yet important function of the association. Denny Nothnagel and Bill Calder have been the FMAM Public Education Committee Representatives during the past six years. They have served as liaisons between the various public education activities and the FMAM Board and members. The dedication and commitment of these people has been incredible.

There have been a number of persons on the FMAM Board in the past six years. They include Ross Parker, Cary Smith, Kevin Kelly, Jeff Howe, Butch Gervais, Phil Owens, and Kermit Waters. These are the people who take the suggestions and feedback from the membership to the FMAM Board and make things happen for the association.

Thanks to all of the past and present FMAM Board for your support and efforts. I know that a simple "thank you" is not adequate but I hope that you realize that your efforts are recognized and appreciated.

My thanks also goes to immediate Past Presidents Paul Kaiser and Gordy Bates who have provided great support and leadership to FMAM during their tenures. Last, but certainly not least, I am grateful to State Fire Marshal Tom Brace for allowing me this opportunity and supporting me even though there were times when FMAM had to disagree with him over certain issues.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS:**

As you elect new officers and board members for FMAM, I strongly encourage you to look for people who will go the “extra mile” as that is what it takes to keep the association going. All too often we elect people who simply want to belong or to have something nice to put on their resume. Please look beyond appearance and look for people who do more than just an “8:00 to 4:30” type of performance; the work of the association demands it. Look for the little extras as opposed to doing the minimums.

Also look for people who are willing to take leadership roles and to “stick their necks out” when necessary. In today’s era of political correctness, there is a tendency to never want to offend anybody. Change can only occur when people are challenged to look or experience things differently. Look for leaders who do not shy away from tough decisions because they are not universally popular. A very wise co-worker of mine once told me: “A person who stands for nothing will lie down and roll over for anything.”

**CODE CLASSES:**

Both FMAM and the State Fire Marshal Division is presently sponsoring classes or seminars on the new fire and building code requirements. I hope that you can attend one or both of these training opportunities.

In closing, thanks for six wonderful years as President, six earlier years as Secretary, and a term as a Director. It is an awesome association and it has been an honor and privilege.

**Fire Marshal’s Association of Minnesota  
Board Meeting**

November 13, 2002

Present: Jon Nisja, Bob James, Robbie Floyd, Butch Gervais, Phil Owens, John Powers, George Magdal, Bill Calder and Tom Brace.

President Jon Nisja called the meeting to order at 9:05.

Motion to approve the August 14, 2002 Board meeting minutes by Phil Owens and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob James, motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

John Powers reported that we have \$1335.22 minus outstanding printing fees. Motion to accept the treasure’s report by Butch Gervais and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Calder, motion passed unanimously.

Membership report from John Powers is 175. Renewal notices will be mailed out within the next couple of weeks. Robbie will personalize the form so members will only need to review and update if they have any changes.

Board vacancy left by Kermit will need to be filled, but will have to wait until the March 2003 general membership meeting. When the By-Laws where changes in 2000, a sentence was deleted by error and will have to vote on proposed changes. Proposed By-Law change will be sent out 30 day in advance of the March meeting.

**PUBLIC EDUCATION REPORT:**

Bill Calder reported that the State Fire Marshal’s Report was handed out at the Minnesota State Fire Chief’s Conference. The MSFCA Public Education Conference will be held February 8, 2003 at the Kelly Inn in St. Cloud Minnesota.

The Annual Building Officials Conference will be held January 9 – 17, 2003.

Bill will ask Paula Peterson to update the general

membership on Risk Watch next month.

Trish Van Pilsum will be conducting a 4 part series on being Unattended Candles. Trish is now working for Channel 9 and we look forward to her continuing support of the Fire Service.

#### **STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT:**

Fire Marshal Tom Brace informed the board that his office has hired a new code specialist. John Swanson previously of Lakeville Fire Department will be joining the SFMD very soon. Forest Williams will be in the office approximately 20 hours a week to help with code questions.

The 2001 Fire in Minnesota is out and available, board members may receive a copy by contacting Irene Moore at the SFMD. There was a slight increase in the reporting information, approximately 89% of Fire Departments are now reporting.

Reported fire deaths are at 48 (9 in automobiles), this number is up from a total of 47 last years and we still have a month and a half to go, this is disturbing.

The fire code is moving forward, there will be a hearing at the Bloomington Fire Station #1 on December 3 at 10:00am if the 82 letters are not rescinded. Steve Hennick from the State Building Codes will be contacting the 82 letter writers for clarification as to their main concern and try to avoid a hearing with the Administrative Law Judge.

Commissioner Weaver has resigned lead Governor Elect Pawlenty's transitional team and Deputy Commissioner Mancel Mitchell will be acting interim Commissioner of Public Safety. Governor Elect Pawlenty states no tax increases, so that means additional budget cuts.

Jerry White has retired and the SFMD will be asking for justification from the Commissioners Office to fill this position. Jerry's position is funding by the Department of Health.

The 11:30am Tuesday Legislative Luncheons are ongoing and everyone is invited to attend. Last week the legislative initiatives were discussed.

#### **TRAINING/EDUCAION:**

December's quarterly educational training will be on testing and start-up of special extinguishing systems, and is scheduled to start at 12:30pm.

The Pyrotechnic Class is set for December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Bob needs a solid number on attendees. Volunteers are need for registration, information tables, etc. We should have a good turnout.

Fire Code classes are being looked at as a two-day class strategically held in the State. Additional teachers are need, at this time Rich Pehrson and Jon Nisja will be available. Jon is setting up the Power Point Presentation for the classes. This training will definitely be a financial benefit to FMAM. Motion by Robbie Floyd and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Butch Gervais to proceed with the scheduling and logistics of the fire code training when the Proposed State Fire Code Amendments have been accepted if no hearing by Administrative Law Judge, motion passed unanimously.

The board believes that with the new codes coming, any and all training on the code should be utilized by the membership. We encourage the members to participate in not only our training but also the training given by State Building Codes in conjunction with the State Fire Marshal Division.

FMAM will be printing and selling the State Amendments as they did the last code change.

Other upcoming training:

Training with NFSA

ICBO training

Lake Country Seminar end of November

NFPA 72 - Fire Alarm Code Training

NFPA 13 – Fire Sprinkler Code Training

Health Care Class

#### **LEGISLATION:**

Nyle Zikmund passed out an outline of Legislative Issues from 1996-2002, some have been good for the fire service and some not. Legislation is a slow process and may take years before any achievements are accomplished, if at all. Robbie Floyd expressed her appreciation to Bob James and Nyle Zikmund for their continuing efforts on

the legislative issues. If and when more people get involved and talk with their representatives, it creates a united effort of the fire service.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Phil Owens updated the board on the State Certification for Inspector I and II skills exam. Phil thanked everyone involved in the process. The written tests have been recalibrated, the skills exams for I and II are completed and we have retained our accreditation. The skills exams for the I and II have been broken down to 5 critical criteria and 3 others at random, a total of 8 skills in all. The written test is 150 random questions from the database and must be completed in 2 hours and another 2 hours to complete the skills portion of the test. Motion by Robbie Floyd and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob James to accept the Inspector I and II skills exam to 8 skills in place of the 12 previously accepted by the board, motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Building Code/1306/1305/Conservation Code, the rules are up for adoption. The Chief's Code Committee has sent a letter to the State Building Code Division in support. The Board discussed the positives and negatives of any actions on these codes. Motion by Phil Owens and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Calder to remain silent on the Building Code and Amendments, motion passed unanimously.

The board discussed recognizing committee members that worked on the 1305, 1306, and 1311. Motion by Phil Owens and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob James to present Jeff Howe, Dave Springfield, Ed Anderson, Steve Zaccard, Jon Nisja, and Scott Anding with Certificates of Appreciation, motion passed unanimously.

Web Site's member's only area will have to wait. George will hold off on any software until after the New Year. Contract for the web site will be up early in 2003, need to budget for this item.

Chris Cahill has set up the Yahoo mailing list for the discussion group. It is strongly encouraged for everyone to support this discussion group. Some

very good conversations have already happened. It's a great way to find out information and opinions.

Discussion on Christmas card mailed from the FMAM Board Members. Motion by Robbie Floyd and 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Powers to send the card to other fire services, Trish Van Pilsum, and a few others, motion passed unanimously.

Bob James is working on getting samples of Resource Directories for the Board to look over.

Vacant Position, Ed Anderson will no longer be on the Code Committee. Motion by Butch Gervais and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phil Owens to nominate Gene Dugal to sit on that committee, motion by unanimously, Bob James abstained.

The Board discussed sending a letter of support for the Fire Code and State Amendments.

**Merchandise Sales:**

We still have a large amount of merchandise. The sale will continue. Butch will take some apparel to the Lake Country Chapter Seminar.

Code Hearings will be coming up in September in Fort Worth, Texas. Motion not to allow any travel to code hearings by Phil Owens and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Butch Gervais.

Jon Nisja will take over being Publisher of the Post Indicator after March 2003 annual meeting.

Upcoming vacancies and positions on the board that will need to be filled in March 2003:  
President (2 year term)  
Secretary (2 year term) incumbent Robbie Floyd  
Board seat (1 year term), vacant by Kermit Waters  
Board seat (2 year term), incumbent Phil Owens.

Election Committee will be Butch Gervais, John Powers, and Jon Nisja.

Motion by Robbie Floyd and second by Bill Calder to adjourn, motion passed unanimously.  
Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.

**Fire Marshal's Association of Minnesota  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2002**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Jon Nisja called the business meeting to order at 1:50 p.m. at the Bloomington Fire Station. Introductions of members were made.

Motion to approve the September 11, 2002 minutes by Jim Michel and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Howe, motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer John Powers was unable to attend the meeting, approximate balance is \$1400 with some outstanding debts. Motion to accept the treasurer's report by Jeff Schadegg and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Popp.

We currently have 172 paid members, with renewal coming in regularly.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FIRE CODE COMMITTEE:** Jeff Howe reported that there have been no changes.

Bob Imholte informed the membership that 84 of the 105 requests for a hearing on the Fire Code have been withdrawn. 1300, 1305, and 1306 will be going to hearing.

**PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** Bill Calder updated the membership on the upcoming conference "Hands on Fire Safety" that will be held February 8, 2003 at St. Cloud.

Paula Peterson gave a brief update on the Risk Watch Program and the Grant now available. Minnesota is 1 of 24 Champion States for this program. Paula informed the members on the qualifications needed to apply for the grant. The three mentor cities are Bloomington, White Bear Lake, and Spring Lake Park/Blaine/Mounds View. There will be a two-day training on June 24 and 25, 2003. The teams will consist of 5 members of the community. Two teachers from each grade are needed to implement the program. The grant is approximately \$3200.00

worth of materials. If you need any help or have any questions call Paula Peterson or Dan Bernardy. Time is short and you need to get your grant request in.

Dan Bernardy informed the membership that Holiday Fire Safety is on the State Fire Marshal's Website.

**TRAINING AND EDUCATION**

**COMMITTEE:** Vice-President Bob James updated the membership that there were 38 people in attendance the Pyrotechnics Class in Bloomington. The seminar created approximately \$2000.00 in profit for FMAM.

Jon Nisja and Rich Pehrson will be setting up Fire Code Training for the new IFC. The State Fire Marshal's Division and the State Building Codes will be offering classes this spring also. It is strongly suggested that members take advantage of any and all classes available on the new codes. The more information and training you can get on the new codes will be to your benefit.

The IBC/IFC Seminar held November 19-22 at Maplewood was conducted by Lake Country in conjunction with FMAM was a success.

Annual Building Officials Conference will be held in January, brochures have been mailed. Contact Gordy Bates or Gene Dugal if you have any questions.

A mini-seminar will be held in January on NFPA 13 and NFPA 72, Rich Pehrson and Dave Springfield will be training on the changes of these codes.

**STATE FIRE MARSHAL REPORT:** State Fire Marshal Tom Brace applauded the membership for their attendance. Fire Marshal Brace introduced his newest staff member John Swanson. John will be the new Code Specialist and comes to the SFMD from Lakeville Fire Department.

Fire deaths are at a high, 56 this year to date and Christmas Eve to New Years Eve has traditionally been the worst time for fires and fatality. Last year we had a total of 47 deaths, so this years is a concern.

Budget shortfalls have not changed. The new Governor stating no new taxes and that means significant cuts in budgets. The cut in LGA is having a dramatic effect on Counties and Cities.

### **ADVISORY COUNCIL ON FIRE**

**PROTECTION SYSTEMS:** Gordy Bates nothing to report.

**CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE:** Phil Owens reported the Inspector I and II have received their IFSCA Certification. So far the testing has been successful with a 62% passing rate.

### **RESIDENTIAL FIRE SPRINKLER TASK**

**FORCE:** The 2003 St. Paul Home Show will be February 27 – March 2 at the St. Paul Excel Energy Center. Terry Iverson informed the membership that the space at the Excel Center was donated and had an approximate worth of \$3000.00, St. Paul Fire Department donated \$500.00 and the Minnesota State Fire Chief's Association donated \$1000.00.

Volunteers are needed for Public Education and to run the Sprinkler Trailer. Tom Pitschneider will be scheduling for the trailer and send a list of time to George Magdal. Patrick Sheehan stated that training is available on the sprinkler trailer until February 15, 2003, if your interested contact him.

### **GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON FIRE**

**PROTECTION AND CONTROL:** A guest speaker from the Minnesota Housing Agency spoke to the Governor's Council about affordable housing. The speaker stated zoning requirements are the biggest hurdle faced by builders not fire suppression systems.

Scott Futrell's "Performance Based Design" paper is in the final draft.

### **1311 CONSERVATION CODE ADVISORY**

**COMMITTEE:** No Report.

### **CONSTRUCTION CODES ADVISORY**

**COUNCIL:** See Post Indicator.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

\$250.00 worth of merchandise was sold at the Lake Country Seminar.

The Website has been up and down. Discussion area has been eliminated. Members should subscribe to the Discussion Group that Chris Cahill has established for FMAM Members. There is some very good information disseminated through that group.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Jon Nisja presented plaques to committee members for their hard work and dedication. All the members of FMAM would like to recognize and thank the following people for the dedicated efforts:

Fire Code Committee: Ed Anderson, Jeff Howe, and Dave Stringfield

Building Code Conservation Committee:  
Scott Anding

1306 Committee: Steve Zaccard

FMAM's Representative on the Chief's Code Committee: Bob James

State Fire Code: Bob Imholte

March's meeting will be the Annual Meeting, including election of Officers for the Board. By-Law changes are needed and will be done at that time.

FMAM will publish the Fire Code Amendments.

Pat Sheehan informed the members that Jerry White's position, as Health Care Inspector will be open to applications. Cities that are inspecting their own daycare facilities and are not on the list need to contact Pat to update the SFMD records.

Motion to adjourn at 3:20pm by Pat Doheny and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gordy Bates, Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robbie Floyd, Secretary

## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The legislative session is once again in action. Currently, the reports coming out of the capital are not so positive due to the budget problems. Most of the energy and effort has focused around the money and most likely this will not change anytime soon. Items for the fire marshal association to watch and contact our local representatives are as follows:

1. Fireworks – currently we are closely watching for any bill, which will modify or expand the use of consumer fireworks. We have heard of work in the background to promote something, but no bill has surfaced. We are ready to counter any efforts in this area.
2. We have heard of an effort to restrict local governments from being able to modify any state rule or regulation. This would impact you by not being able to enact local ordinances to the fire code. Additionally, this could impact zoning regulation and other rules, which we currently have used to provide us with tools where local differences can impact how we do business. This includes differences in fire department equipment, response times and staff, as well as water supply issues, building code enforcement, fire code inspections/permits.
3. A bill is being written and will be proposed that will expand the use of the State Fire Marshal rules on sprinkler system that use a mixture of sprinkler heads and domestic fixtures on the same water lines within the home. This will allow homeowners to install their own systems, provide an opportunity for code officials to review the plans and require the installer (plumber) to have proven competency in the installation of the sprinkler system.

These are the top three possible bills that will impact us in the FMAM Association. I have not seen final language on any of these bills, so I can not comment on exact language, but I hope to get everyone a copy when they are released. Watch your local paper and the legislative web site for up-dates. We will continue to up-date you as we hear new information.

Bob James

## VIDEOS

**The 3 series conducted by Trish Van Pilsum are now available on video tape. All members in attendance at the March meeting will receive a free copy of that video.**

**A special thanks to all those involved with the series, especially Trish Van Pilsum, whose dedication to fire safety is an inspiration!**

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## Subscribe!

[MNFireMarshals@yahoo.com](mailto:MNFireMarshals@yahoo.com)

There is at least one time each of us has run across a problem or had a question that we need an answer to. For some of us even more than once or twice. If you haven't subscribed to the discussion group you really should. Some of the discussion may never pertain to your situation but may in the future. With the never-ending budget shortfalls and positions not being filled, we need to use all of our resources and connections. This Association has the best resources available. The list of expertise and experience within our own membership is too numerous to list (besides I didn't want to leave anyone out). This is a resource at your fingertips when you want others input, suggestions, or their experiences.

## CONSTRUCTION CODES ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Construction Codes Advisory Council (CCAC) continues to develop plans to pursue their long term goals including Statewide Building Code Adoption, Certification and licensure of construction occupations, Healthy homes, Energy Code, and a Code website..

**Statewide Code Adoption.** The council is forming a subcommittee to begin working on the legislative process to pursue this goal as outlined by the Statewide Code Adoption Technical Advisory Group (TAG) . The TAG’s plan as adopted by the council included the following recommendations:

2. A minimum building standard should be established statewide in Minnesota and it should be the Minnesota State Building Code, including provisions on design criteria.
3. The building code should be administered in counties with greater than 10,000 population and in cities with a population of 2,500 or more. Counties and cities under the population limits should determine whether to administer the code.
4. The building code should be administered through local or state inspection programs.
5. Costs of the inspection and administration of the building code should be covered by a fee-for-service process.
6. A local unit of government should be allowed to charge and collect a fee for up to one year before full implementation of the program, in order to provide funds to initiate administration of the building code.

**Certification and licensure.** Because of the monumental task of covering all of the different construction fields the group has been concentration on the Mechanical/HVAC business license. The principals that come out of this licensing may be applied to other groups. Overall the TAG discussions included:

- ◆ Requirements for qualified workers to include education and experience
- ◆ Centralized “one stop shop” form of administration for all licensing
- ◆ Statewide Enforcement/inspections.
- ◆ Grandfather rights will need to be resolved for existing contractors.

The TAG preliminary recommendation broke the Mechanical/HVAC contractors into the following groups:

- ◆ Fuel, piping & burners
- ◆ Air Handling Systems
- ◆ AC & Refrigeration
- ◆ Steam And Hot Water
- ◆ Medical Gases

These different categories would then be given options for endorsements that would allow greater flexibility for licensing depending on the specialty chosen by the contractor.

**Healthy Homes/Energy Code.** These two goals focus on the energy code. Last year’s legislative adoption of a new energy code directed that the commissioner of administration, in conjunction with the CCAC to explore and review the availability and appropriateness of a model energy codes relating to the construction of single and two family residential buildings. The Department of Administration has set up committees who are reviewing this topic and will be reporting back to CCAC.

**Code Website.** CCAC is exploring the format and information that will be relevant to the different audiences that may utilize this site.

Please contact Katherine Gove at 763-785-6173 or [kgove@ci.blaine.mn.us](mailto:kgove@ci.blaine.mn.us) if you need additional information regarding the CCAC or if you wish to be on an email list to receive the agenda or other information regarding CCAC.

**TRAINING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCED:**

# INTRODUCTION TO THE 2003 MINNESOTA STATE FIRE CODE

The Minnesota State Fire Marshal and Building Codes and Standards Divisions are jointly sponsoring a spring seminar on the new Minnesota State Fire Code (MSFC). The purpose of the seminar is to introduce the new code and its amendments as well as related parts of the new State Building Code. This is an opportunity to learn how the new fire and building codes are intended to apply to existing buildings. Topics to be covered include:

- New occupancy classifications
- New means of egress requirements
  - Occupancy separations (including incidental uses, accessory use areas and nonseparated uses)
  - Where fire alarm, standpipe and sprinkler systems are required
  - Fire department access and water supply
  - Flammable/combustible liquids and LP-Gas
  - How the newly adopted Guidelines for the Rehabilitation of Existing Buildings and the MSFC are intended to work together

.....and much more!

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND:**

Fire Marshals/Inspectors  
Building Officials/Inspectors  
Plans Examiners

Architects/Engineers  
Contractors

**INSTRUCTORS:**

- **Robert Imholte**, Code Development Coordinator, State Fire Marshal Division;
- **Robert James**, Bloomington Fire Marshal and Chair, Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association Code Committee; and
- **Mike Fricke** and **Rich Lockrem**, State Building Codes and Standards Division.

**COST:** \$70 per person – price includes breaks, lunches and seminar handbook. [**Note:** Because of the need to make lunch arrangements in advance, **on-site registrations (walk-ins) cannot be accommodated.**]

**Watch for more information and registration forms being mailed out by  
the State Building Codes and Standards Division.**

## SEMINAR DATES AND LOCATIONS:

- Tues-Wed, April 1-2, 2003  
Holiday Inn, St. Cloud  
(Registration limit 60)
  - Tues-Wed, April 8-9, 2003  
Best Western, Maplewood  
(Registration limit 100)
  - Tues-Wed, April 15-16, 2003  
Best Western Edgewater, Duluth  
(Registration limit 60)
  - Tues-Wed, April 22-23, 2003  
Holiday Inn East, St. Paul  
(Registration limit 60)
  - Tues-Wed, April 29-30, 2003  
Best Western Apache, Rochester  
(Registration limit 60)
  - Tues-Wed, May 6-7, 2003  
Holiday Inn, Burnsville  
(Registration limit 60)
  - Tues-Wed, May 13-14, 2003  
Holiday Inn Lakeside, Detroit Lakes  
(Registration limit 50)
  - Tues-Wed, May 20-21, 2003  
Holiday Inn - Downtown, Mankato  
(Registration limit 50)
  - Tues-Wed, May 27-28, 2003  
Best Western, Brooklyn Center  
(Registration limit 100)
  - Tues-Wed, June 3-4, 2003  
Comfort Inn, Plymouth  
(Registration limit 100)
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**March 12, 2002**  
**Bloomington Fire Station 1**  
**9:00 am Social Time**  
**9:30 am Educational - Indoor Pyrotechnics Presentation! & A**  
**Membership "Brain-storming" Session!**  
**General Membership Meeting to follow**  
**Including Elections**