

# North Carolina Fire Marshal's Association

## Committee Reports

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### NCFMA Education Committee Meeting Minutes 10/28/2024

The NCFMA Educational Committee met virtually for the fourth quarter on October 28, 2024.

The meeting was called to order by Tony Smart, Chair at 0900 AM. Those in virtual attendance were, Jeff Johnson, Charles Johnson, Charles Eldridge, Robert Carmon, Jon Williams, Shandy Padgett, David Stone, Chris Jenkins, Eric Wiseman, Tim Henshaw, Billy Judson, and Buddy Thompson.

The ICC Haz Mat Continuing Education Class was held on October 14, 2024 in Chatham County at the Agricultural and Conference Center on US 64 Business from 9am to 4pm. Dr. Rob Neale was the instructor for this class, and it encompassed all the Hazardous Material Chapters within the 2018 NC Fire Code. There were 84 in attendance, with 31 of those virtual.

Tim Henshaw provided that the Fire Marshal Institute, scheduled for November 12-15, 2025 has been cancelled due to attendance being affected by the recovery efforts surrounding Hurricane Helene in the Western part of NC. The Institute will be rescheduled for 2025 with dates to be announced. Tim shared that there will be a morning training class provided the date of our 4<sup>th</sup> quarter meeting for the NCFMA in Greensboro on November 15, 2025, with the location and class information to be announced. More information to follow regarding this class and the annual seminar effort by the NCFMA in the coming week(s).

Charles Johnson with OSFM provided an update(s) from the Code Consultation Division of OSFM. The new NC Fire Code has "cleared" the ICC, with edits provided and these are being addressed. It will move back to the ICC for their review once these edits are completed. There is no firm date on the published version of the Fire Code. It is hoped that it will be available late 2024. The effective date of July 1, 2025 is still in place regarding the Fire Code, and the Standard Fire Inspection Classes and State Fire Inspector Exam(s) will follow this implementation date as well. More information to follow.

There will be an update course available for inspectors on the new fire code in 2025, as it is in development stage. The hours that will be involved in this update has yet to be determined. More information will be forthcoming on this update class.

Jeff Johnson with OSFM provided current information on the Fire Marshal 101 Class. Upcoming classes were discussed with additional classes being offered in Chatham County at the Emergency Operations Center November 18-21, 2024.

FM 101 Classes for 2025 were discussed with locations/dates identified for the first part of 2025:

Concord at the Chief Mid-Winter Conference January 28-31

Wilmington-Feb. 24-27, 2025

Raleigh-March 31-April 3, 2025

Greensboro-April 7-10, 2025

Asheville- May 12-15, 2025

Morrisville – June 9-12, 2025

Charlotte – August 11-14, 2025

Winston Salem – Dates TBA

Again, all the 2025 locations and dates (other than Winston Salem) are confirmed at this point.

Tim Henshaw offered that Guilford Tech has a new Fire Alarm Lab that is available, (with scheduling) for use for “hands-on” training opportunities with fire alarms.

Alan Perdue with Safer Buildings Coalition will be conducting a BDA/ERRCES class on December 5, 2024 at Fayetteville Technical Institute located at 2817 Fort Bragg Rd., Room 108, Fayetteville from 8a to 4p.

Charlie provided that the NC Fire Prevention School will be held at Carolina Beach on March 17-21, 2025. The NCBIA will hold Winter conference(s) in Greenville on 1/27-30/2025, Aberdeen 2/24-27, 2025, and Hickory March 24-27, 2025.

The NFPA Fire Safety Summit will be held in Winterville/Greenville on November 21, 2024 from 9am to 4pm on the Campus of Pitt Community College, at the Smith Center, 1935 Warren Dr, Winterville, NC 28590

Charles Eldridge offered that Fayetteville FD will be hosting a Pyrotechnics class on December 4, 2024.

T. Smart offered that any topics for the 2025 year for continuing education that anyone may want to suggest just let us know.

The first quarter 2025 meeting of the NCFMA Educational Committee will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on **February 3, 2025** at 0900 AM

Meeting was adjourned at 0945 hrs.

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Respectfully submitted,

Tony Smart, Chair

Education Committee NCFMA