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**NCFMA Education Committee Meeting Minutes 04/28/2025**

The NCFMA Educational Committee met virtually for the first quarter on April 28, 2025.

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

Charlie Johnson provided an update on the new 2024 NC Fire Code status. There is not a firm date on the printed version of the 2024 Fire Code yet, however, ICC is taking pre-orders of the printed version on their website. With the adoption of HB 47 into law, there is no effective date in place for the new fire code, although it is thought that it will be potentially July 1, 2026. The Standard Fire Inspection Classes and State Fire Inspector Exam(s) will follow a forecasted effective date of January 1, 2026 once the Qualification Board decides on this. More information to follow on all of this.

There will be 2024 fire code update courses taught at various locations within the state for inspectors on the new code, however these will be scheduled once we have a firm effective date of the code. The time that will be involved in this update will be a minimum of 6 hours and will count as Con Ed for the Fire trade. It is felt that a January, February, March 2026 class delivery timeline will be the most effective by the committee. More information will be forthcoming on these update classes and the locations.

Charlie continued with legislative updates as of this past week that included SB492 (Single Exit Highrise) and SB768 (Emergency Radio Communications Enhancement Systems). These bills, along with others, are still in discussion/negotiation at the Legislative level of our State.

Jeff Johnson with OSFM provided current information on the Fire Marshal 101 Classes. The upcoming classes were discussed with locations/dates identified as follows:

Asheville- May 12-15, 2025

Durham/Morrisville – June 9-12, 2025

Charlotte – August 11-14, 2025

Winston Salem/Kernersville – November 17-20, 2025

Jeff provided the attendance numbers since the FM101 series was offered, and to this point there has been 352 students that have attended. Positive feedback has been provided by these students, and this class will continue into the 2026 year, with schedules/locations to be announced.

Smart shared that there will be a morning training class provided the date of our 2nd quarterly meeting for the NCFMA in Asheville, on the campus of AB Technical College. The class topic will be a review to the new Chapter 12 of the 2024 NC Fire Code (Energy Storage Systems) and is approved for 3 hours of Fire Con. Ed. credit. Todd Iaeger with Underwriters Laboratory will be the instructor. Registration is currently continuing and is $25 per student for NCFMA members.

Smart provided that the Fire Marshal Institute is scheduled for September 15-19, 2025 at Guilford Technical Community College Campus. The Institute will start at 1:00 PM on the 15th and end Noon on the 19th. The registration fee is $150 for NCFMA members and $200 for non-members. Con. Ed. credits will be awarded and the subject matter tracs will involve code enforcement, and fire investigation. FLSE is not going to be a part of this seminar this year. More information to follow regarding specific topics for each. The focus of this institute will be “hands-on” topics and practical information for the fire inspectors and investigators.

Smart shared that the NCFMA & the International Code Council will deliver a 6 hour continuing education class on October 29, 2025, in Chatham County at the Agricultural and Conference Center on the 2021 IFC - Fire Protection and Alarm Systems from 9am to 4pm. Rob Neale with ICC will be the instructor for the class.

Thomas Raper inquired about the possibility of Con Ed Classes being offered in the western part of NC prior to July 1, 2025 by the NCFMA. I will follow up with Thomas on this request.

David Stone shared that award nominations are still open for the 2025 year in the various categories, and the QR code to direct the members to complete any nominations will be resent to the membership.

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

The third quarter 2025 meeting of the NCFMA Educational Committee will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on **July 28, 2025,** at 0900 AM

Meeting was adjourned at 0950 hrs. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Smart, Chair

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