



Session 3D

Holy Hashtag, Batman! Who Jokered my Internet?

A Case Study of Recent Fires that have Disrupted Internet Service

Internet connectivity has become as functionally critical as maintaining water and power service – and even more consequential by the minute. Internet and infrastructure providers have spent overwhelming sums of money and diligent effort to make certain that the internet is always available and predictable. Since there are numerous components that must remain intact and function to provide the service, a fire at any point along the path can cause considerable disruption to the flow of data and accessibility.

This session will present a discussion of a number of recent fire events at data hubs that have caused gaps in internet service and connectivity. We will discuss proactive applications that would have prevented the fire and thereby, the disruption.



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Steve's experience includes fire suppression and detection system design, fire protection facility assessments, life safety analyses, construction management, code consulting, and emergency planning. He has extensive experience with high technology fire protection including data centers, telecommunication facilities, and clean rooms. Steve is the former chairman and current member of the NFPA Technical Committee on telecommunications. He has significant operational and team management experience. He facilitates client and project team communications, manages project schedules, directs project resources, and coordinates budgets for projects.

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