



Session 4A:
Reaction to COVID Pandemic

Reaction to the COVID pandemic accelerated many of the business and technical transformations taking place in the world of fire and life safety. This conference session examines how the pandemic has accelerated NFPA's transition from a code and standards publishing organization to that of the leading facilitator in bringing fire and life safety knowledge to the global audience. Topics include changes to how NFPA develops, organizes and delivers content, addressing the vastly differing status of the fire and life safety ecosystem across the globe, keeping abreast of the rapid transformation in the use of the built-environment, and codifying the use of fast evolving fire and life safety technology.



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