



Session 1B:

Panel Discussion: The FPE's Role in Large Loss Fire Investigations

Guided by recent case examples, the panel will share their personal experience of the FPEs role in investigating large fire losses. Referenced examples will include among others the QVC Distribution Center fire in Rocky Mount Hill, NC and the amphibious assault ship USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD-6) in San Diego, CA. Topics to be addressed will include:

- Use of Specialized Personnel and Technical Consultants
- Coordinating with fire investigators and other engineering disciplines
- Investigation protocols and procedures
- Roles of involved entities (public, private, interested parties, etc.)
- Scientific method and Levels of Certainty
- Role in the Legal Process



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