



Session 1C:

Fire Protection in Buildings Under Construction

This program will review the best practices for protecting buildings under construction, renovation or demolition against fire. We will review recent construction fires, and the lessons learned from these incidents.

We will then review NFPA 241 – Standard for Safeguarding Construction, Alteration, and Demolition and NFPA 51B -Standard for Fire Prevention During Welding, Cutting, and Other Hot Work. The key points within these two documents will be covered as the tenants of fire protection for construction projects.

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Robert has been the Fire Investigator for the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association), which is based in Quincy, Massachusetts, since 1997. Robert is responsible for conducting investigations of technically significant incidents in order to gather, “Lessons Learned” from each incident to apply those lessons to improving NFPA codes and standards. The investigation of these incidents includes documenting the emergency services response, the structure(s) involved as well as the events leading up to and following the incident.

Robert was named the New England Regional Manager for NFPA in 2003. His region expanded in 2018 to include NY and NJ and is now referred to as the Northeast Region.

As Regional Director, Robert is responsible for outreach within the northeast states regarding code adoptions, and training. He also serves as a point of contact for stakeholders in the NFPA process, including the fire service, engineering and safety professionals.

Robert serves as a Communications Specialist for CT-TF1 – Connecticut State Urban Search and Rescue Task Force. He is also a member of the CT Region 4 Incident Management Team (IMT – 4).

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