

2026 Conference & Expo Block Diagram
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Tues 3/10/26 8:30AM- 4:30PM	SEMINAR 1 Fire Alarm NICET Class Paul J. Inferrera , Instructional Design Group	SEMINAR 2 Sprinkler ITM NICET Class John Denhardt , American Fire Sprinkler Association	SEMINAR 3 Tech Symposium (multiple speakers from companies with emerging technologies) Carver Anderson – Carver Fire Phil Friday , Reliable Sprinkler Kyle Giubbini , Safespill Jim Dooley , Viking and more to come	SEMINAR 4 Fire Modeling Bryan Klein , Thunderhead Engineering	SEMINAR 5 Special Hazards Classes Sponsored by the 
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Wednesday, March 11, 2026				
REGISTRATION begins at 7:30 AM - OPENING GENERAL SESSION & Breakfast 7:45 AM – 8:20 AM – Introduction/welcome by Dan Dahl, Vice Chair of the Conference Planning Committee. (Note: The Exhibit Hall is closed at this time.)				
8:30AM - 9:40AM	Session 1A <i>Georgia Code Updates</i> Craig Landolt , Georgia State Fire Marshal's Office Jim Reynolds and Ted Miltades , Georgia Department of Community Affairs	Session 1B <i>Hazards and Mitigation of Photovoltaics on Roofs and Facades</i> <i>Roof-top PV</i> Tim Rodrique , FM	Session 1C <i>Fire Growth is Getting Faster: How Can the Fire Service Respond?</i> Sean Gray , Cobb County Fire Nate Sauer , UL Fire Safety Research Institute	Session 1D <i>NFPA 30 Actions on SFFF in Chapter 16</i> Dave Nugent , GRC
9:40 AM – 10:40 AM	Exhibitor Showcase			
10:40AM – 11:50 AM	Session 2A <i>NFPA 855 Energy Storage Systems 2026</i> Paul Hayes , Hiller	Session 2B <i>Research Based EV Firefighting Techniques and the Impact on Stranded Energy</i> Bob Duval , NFPA	Session 2C <i>Liquid Cooling for Data Centers</i> Lee Kaiser , Orr Protection	Session 2D <i>Storage and Recycling of Damaged, Defective, or Recalled (DDR) Batteries</i> Patrick Durham , Stashed D Training
Lunch Keynote Address: Chief Rodney Wiggins, Greene County (GA) Fire Rescue: “Battalion Chief Eddy LODD/Reefer Awareness”				
1:55PM- 3:05PM	Session 3A <i>Research Foundation Parking Garage and NFPA 88A Updates</i> Victoria Lutz , NFPA Research Foundation Melisa Rodriguez , Johnson Controls	Session 3B <i>FSRI Research Overview on Lithium-Ion Battery Fire & Explosion Hazards in Residential & Transportation Settings</i> Nate Sauer , UL Fire Safety Research Institute	Session 3C <i>Mega Warehouse Incident - Case Study, Plainfield, IN</i> J. Gordon Routley , Montreal Fire Dept. (retired)	Session 3D <i>Panel Discussion</i> <i>The Single Exit Stair Debate</i> Nick Ozog , WJE Joe Castellano - Jensen Hughes Kevin Biando , The Biando Group Dwayne Garriss /Moderator
3:05 PM – 3:40 PM	Exhibitor Showcase			
3:40PM- 4:50PM	Session 4A <i>ASRS - Discussion on NFPA 13 2028 Edition</i> Mark Hopkins , Summit Fire Protection	Session 4B <i>Li-Ion BESS: Explosion Control Guidance</i> Anil Kapahi , Jensen Hughes	Session 4C <i>NFPA 72 Addressing Smoke Detectors Above 10 Feet</i> Matt Lausch , Jensen Hughes	Session 4D <i>Panel Discussion</i> <i>Data Center; Prevailing Fire Protection Topics</i> Allison Wakelin , Jensen Hughes Joe Konenkamp , Century Fire Lee Kaiser , Orr Fire Protection Garth Dehoff , Honeywell Dan Dahl /Moderator