



ANNUAL FIRE SAFETY CONFERENCE & EXPO

March 10-11, 2026

**GAS SOUTH DISTRICT
6400 SUGARLOAF PKWY
DULUTH, GA 30097**

Proceeds benefit Fire
Protection Engineering
scholarships and fire safety
outreach programs.

DON'T MISS THIS EVENT!

The Greater Atlanta Chapter of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE) announces an outstanding opportunity for professional development and industry networking at our annual conference!

SESSION TOPICS

Fire Protection Systems, Energy Storage Systems, Risk Management for Ignitable Use and Storage, Open Top Combustible Containers, Li-Ion Batteries, Flame Detection, and more!

POST-CONFERENCE ACCESS

All paid attendees who attend the conference will receive access to all the presentations in the conference app.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

"The SFPE Greater Atlanta Fire Safety Conference continues to be one of the most comprehensive events for professionals involved in fire protection. Through a robust education program and expo, attendees can stay current on what we all know is an extremely dynamic field. In addition, this event provides a valuable opportunity to network with peers who are facing the same new challenges. NFPA consistently is part of this event in some way every year."

- Jim Pauley
President and CEO
National Fire Protection Association

**REGISTER ONLINE
WWW.SFPEATLANTA.ORG**

**Questions? Contact Tracy Williams at
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REGISTRATION CLOSING MARCH 6TH, 2026

PROGRAM SCHEDULE MARCH 10


REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST begins at 7:30 AM

OPENING GENERAL SESSION 7:45 AM – 8:20 AM

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM PRE-CONFERENCE SEMINARS

(Check back often as programs are subject to change)

Boxed Lunch & Visit Exhibitors *(times vary due to individual seminar schedules)*

SEMINAR 1	SEMINAR 2	SEMINAR 3	SEMINAR 4	SEMINAR 5
FIRE ALARM NICET CLASS	SPRINKLER NICET ITM CLASS	TECH SYMPOSIUM (MULTIPLE SPEAKERS FROM COMPANIES WITH EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES)	FIRE MODELING	SPECIAL HAZARDS SEMINAR
<i>Paul J. Inferrera Instructional Design Group</i>	<i>John Denhardt American Fire Sprinkler Association</i>	Dry Ice Fire Extinguishment <i>Carver Anderson Carver Fire</i> Narrowing the Gap for Storage Buildings Higher than 40 ft <i>Phil Friday Reliable Automatic Sprinkler</i> NFPA 409 & Safespill <i>Kyle Giubbini Safespill</i> Data Centers: Dry Sprinkler to Preaction Conversion <i>Jim Dooley Viking</i> <i>and more to come!</i>	<i>Bryan Klein Thunderhead Engineering</i>	<i>Sponsored by the</i>  FSSA <small>FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS ASSOCIATION</small>

4:30 PM

WELCOME RECEPTION

Conference attendees, sponsors, speakers, and exhibitors are invited to the sponsored Welcome Reception. Complimentary heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served and each attendee receives one beverage ticket, with a cash bar also available.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE MARCH 11



REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 7:30 AM

7:45 AM - 8:20 AM OPENING GENERAL SESSION AND BREAKFAST

Introduction/ Welcome – Dan Dahl, Vice Chair, Conference Planning Committee

Note: The Exhibit Hall is closed at this time.

8:30 AM - 9:40 AM SESSION 1

SESSION 1A Georgia Code Updates

*Craig Landolt, Georgia State Fire Marshal's Office
Jim Reynolds and Ted Miltades, Georgia Department of Community Affairs*

SESSION 1B Hazards and Mitigation of Photovoltaics on Roofs and Facades Roof-top PV

Tim Rodrique, FM

SESSION 1C Fire Growth is Getting Faster: How Can the Fire Service Respond?

*Sean Gray, Cobb County Fire
Nate Sauer, UL Fire Safety
Research Institute*

SESSION 1D NFPA 30 Actions on SFFF in Chapter 16

Dave Nugent, GRC

9:40 AM - 10:40 AM EXHIBITOR SHOWCASE

Please visit the Exhibitors

10:40 AM - 11:50 AM SESSION 2

SESSION 2A NFPA 855 Energy Storage Systems 2026

Paul Hayes, Hiller

SESSION 2B Research Based EV Firefighting Techniques and the Impact on Stranded Energy

Bob Duval, NFPA

SESSION 2C Liquid Cooling for Data Centers

Lee Kaiser, Orr Protection

SESSION 2D Storage and Recycling of Damaged, Defective, or Recalled (DDR) Batteries

*Patrick Durham, Stashed D
Training*

11:50 AM - 1:55 PM LUNCH

Presentation of Colors - Gwinnett County Fire and Emergency Services Color Guard

Remarks from Committee Chair – Tom Gardner, Chair, Conference Planning Committee

Keynote Address - Chief Rodney Wiggins, Greene County (GA) Fire Rescue: Sept. 4, 2024, Greene County Line of Duty Death

1:55 PM - 3:05 PM SESSION 3

SESSION 3A Research Foundation Parking Garage and NFPA 88A Updates

*Victoria Lutz, NFPA Research
Foundation
Melisa Rodriguez, Johnson
Controls*

SESSION 3B FSRI Research Overview on Lithium-Ion Battery Fire & Explosion Hazards in Residential & Transportation Settings

*Nate Sauer, UL Fire Safety
Research Institute*

SESSION 3C Mega Warehouse Incident - Case Study, Plainfield, IN

*J. Gordon Routley, Montreal Fire
Dept. (retired)*

SESSION 3D PANEL DISCUSSION The Single Exit Stair Debate

*Nick Ozog, WJE
Joe Castellano - Jensen Hughes
Kevin Biando, The Biando Group
Dwayne Garriss/Moderator*

3:05 PM - 3:40 PM EXHIBITOR SHOWCASE

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3:40 PM - 4:50 PM SESSION 4

SESSION 4A ASRS - Discussion on NFPA 13 2028 Edition

*Mark Hopkins, Summit Fire
Protection*

SESSION 4B Li-Ion BESS: Explosion Control Guidance

Anil Kapahi, Jensen Hughes

SESSION 4C NFPA 72 Addressing Smoke Detectors Above 10 Feet

Matt Lausch, Jensen Hughes

SESSION 4D PANEL DISCUSSION Data Center; Prevailing Fire Protection Topics

*Allison Wakelin, Jensen Hughes
Joe Konenkamp, Century Fire
Lee Kaiser, Orr Fire Protection
Garth Dehoff, Honeywell
Dan Dahl/Moderator*

4:50 PM - UNTIL NO HOST RECEPTION

Marlow's Tavern, 1950 Satellite Blvd, Duluth, GA 30097