



## 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!**

Join fire protection professionals from across the region at this two-day experience focused on practical education, emerging challenges, and meaningful industry connections.

### **SESSION TOPICS**

In-depth technical sessions include topics like energy storage systems (NFPA 855), lithium-ion battery hazards, data center fire protection, fire modeling, and the latest code updates.

### **POST-CONFERENCE ACCESS**

On-demand access to conference presentations through the event app will be available to paid attendees.

### **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](http://WWW.SFPEATLANTA.ORG)**

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**REGISTRATION CLOSES MARCH 6TH, 2026**

# PROGRAM SCHEDULE MARCH 10

**REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST begins at 7:30 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
<b>FIRE ALARM NICET CLASS</b>	<b>SPRINKLER NICET ITM CLASS</b>	<b>TECHNOLOGY SYMPOSIUM</b>	<b>FIRE MODELING</b>	<b>SPECIAL HAZARDS SEMINAR</b>
<i>Paul J. Inferrera Instructional Design Group</i>	<i>John Denhardt American Fire Sprinkler Association</i>	<p><b>Dry Ice Fire Extinguishment</b> <i>Carver Anderson Carver Fire</i></p> <p><b>Narrowing the Gap for Storage Buildings Over 40 ft</b> <i>Phil Friday Reliable Automatic Sprinkler</i></p> <p><b>Targeted Remote Response in the Waste &amp; Recycling Industries/Lithium-Ion Battery Hazards</b> <i>Ryan Fogelman Fire Rover</i></p> <p><b>REL-iON Mission Critical Monitoring &amp; ModuLaser Air Sampling</b> <i>Nikita Salov KiddeFenwal</i></p> <p><b>Clean Agent Targeted Delivery Systems</b> <i>Jeff Dehart KiddeFenwal</i></p> <p><b>Data Centers: Dry Sprinkler to Preaction Conversion</b> <i>Joshua Teo Viking</i></p>	<i>Bryan Klein Thunderhead Engineering</i>	<p><i>Multiple speakers will cover various special hazards systems.</i></p> <p><i>Sponsored by</i></p>  <p><b>EPA Regulatory Update</b></p> <p><b>Inert Gas Systems 101</b></p> <p><b>Hydroelectric Facility Fire Suppression</b></p> <p><b>Special Hazard Fire Suppression at Waste Facilities</b></p> <p><b>Explosion Suppression</b></p> <p><b>Hybrid Fire Protection Technologies</b></p>

**4:30 PM WELCOME RECEPTION**

**All conference attendees, sponsors, speakers, and exhibitors invited to the 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, Chief Stoney Polite, Deputy Chief, Gwinnett County Fire and Emergency Services **Note: The Exhibit Hall is closed at this time.**

### 8:30 AM - 9:40 AM SESSION 1

#### SESSION 1A

**Highlights of Georgia’s Recent Fire 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

**Flammable & Combustible Liquids: Foam-Water Test Protocols and IBC Storage**

*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**

*Noah Ryder, Fire Risk Alliance*

#### 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**

*Amanda Kimball, 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  
Nick Dawe, Cobb County Fire  
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**

*Garth Dehoff, Honeywell  
Lee Kaiser, Orr Fire Protection  
Alison Wakelin, Jensen Hughes  
Dan Dahl/Moderator*

### 4:50 PM - UNTIL NO HOST RECEPTION - ALL ARE WELCOME!

**Marlow’s Tavern, 1950 Satellite Blvd, Duluth, GA 30097**