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KOFFEL EMPLOYEES APPOINTED TO NFPA COMMITTEES

Koffel Associates' employees have a long-standing commitment to participate in, and provide leadership service for, the development, management, growth and valuable work of the fire protection industry's professional organizations and governing entities. In the Fourth Quarter of 2010, the following appointments were made by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards Council:

Appointment of William E. Koffel, P.E., FSFPE, President of Koffel Associates, as the chair of the NFPA "Technical Committee on Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Water-Based Systems". The Committee has primary responsibility for documents on inspection, testing and maintenance of systems utilizing water as a method of extinguishment, such as NFPA 25. Such systems include fire protection systems such as automatic sprinkler systems, standpipe systems and fire pumps. These systems are often critical fire protection features in buildings and need to be properly maintained to ensure a proper level of fire protection is provided in the building.

Appointment of Sharon S. Gilyeat, P.E., Principal of Koffel Associates, as the chair of the NFPA 115 "Technical Committee on Laser Fire Protection." The committee has primary responsibility for the standards relating to the design, manufacture, installation, and use of lasers and associated equipment. Ms. Gilyeat was also appointed as William Koffel's alternate on the "Safety to Life Technical Correlating Committee" and the "Safety to Life Technical Committee on Fundamentals." She was also appointed as the alternate for Koffel Associates' Vice President James K. Lathrop on the NFPA 99, "Health Care Facilities Technical Committee on Fundamentals".

Appointment of Mark J. Aaby, P.E. to NFPA's "Technical Committee on Mercantile and Business Occupancies". The Committee has the primary responsibility for documents on protection of human life and property from fire and other circumstances capable of producing similar consequences, and for the emergency movement of people in mercantile and business occupancies. The Committee has primary responsibility for the requirements for mercantile and business occupancies in NFPA 101 and NFPA 5000.

ABOUT KOFFEL ASSOCIATES

Koffel Associates is a fire protection and life safety engineering design and consulting firm, recognized as an expert in the fire protection and life safety aspects of codes and standards. Headquartered in the Baltimore-Washington metropolitan area, Koffel provides consulting; engineering design & construction administration; codes & standards development; seminar development & training; product testing & evaluation/representation; and litigation support to public and private clients worldwide. Since 1986, Koffel Associates' team of industry leaders and staff—fire protection engineers; registered engineers; NICET-certified technicians; code officials; and authorized National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and International Code Council (ICC) trainers—has met the design and consulting needs of its clients.

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