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Koffel Talks

Koffel Associates offers these hour-long presentations to larger local area clients and prospects to help them keep abreast of changes and nuances in the codes:

- 2009 NFPA 101[®] Life Safety Code[®] Updates
- 2009 NFPA 1 Updates
- 2009 IBC Updates
- 2007 NFPA 13
- 2007 NFPA 72
- Overview of the IBC
- Transitioning from the MBRC to IEBC, including Building Rehabilitation Provisions of NFPA 101
- NFPA 101 Life Safety Code Basics for Interior Renovations
- Building Rehabilitation Provisions of NFPA 101
- Maryland Fire Prevention Code Update
- Revising the Joint Commission Standards – A New Chapter in Life Safety

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CODE UPDATE SEMINAR FEB. 25

Koffel Associates invites Authorities Having Jurisdiction, Architects, Engineers, Health Care Facility Managers and other interested parties to attend our 1-day Code Update Seminar:

- IBC Updates, 2009 Edition
- NFPA 101[®] Updates, 2009 Edition
- NFPA 13 Updates, 2010 Edition
- NFPA 72 Updates, 2010 Edition

Please complete, email or fax attached reservation form to us.

Location: Rolling Road Golf Club, Catonsville, MD

Fee: \$40 per person

Seating is limited

Come learn from those in the know, and bring your questions!

Complying with TJC Cited Issues

The November 2009 issue of *The Joint Commission Perspectives*[®] detailed the “Top Standards Compliance Issues of the First Half of 2009”. Of the ten standards noted for Hospitals, four of these are issues that are addressed under our services.

#1 – LS.02.01.20 – cited 45% – “The hospital maintains the integrity of the means of egress.”

Common Citations:

Storage in the corridor

Non-compliant locking arrangements

Door swing direction

#2 – LS.02.01.10 – cited 43% – “Building and fire protection features are designed and maintained to minimize the effects of fire, smoke, and heat.”

Common Citations:

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- Fire Protection Requirements of the Unified Facilities Criteria
- Broader use of Fire Modeling in Design Projects
- Basic Principles of Smoke Management Systems
- Overview of Alternative Fire Suppression Systems
- Fire Stop Systems - Real World Problems

Please call Gayle James or email gjames@koffel.com if you are interested in any of the above training topics, or wish to learn about other training classes.

Frecker Promotion

Jennifer Frecker was promoted to Health Care Specialist, effective January 1, 2010. With over 10 years of experience in the health care arena, she will focus primarily on health care facility surveys and plan reviews.



TJC Citings (cont'd)

- Penetrations of a fire-rated barrier
- Doors missing labels or those incorrectly rated for the barrier
- Broken or missing positive latching or self-closing hardware

#4 - EC.02.03.05 - cited 38% - "The hospital maintains fire safety equipment and fire safety building features."

Common Citations:

Lack of testing or the documentation of the testing of:

- Fire Extinguishers
- Fire Alarm Systems
- Sprinkler Protection Systems
- Special Suppression Systems
- Kitchen Hood Suppression Systems

#6 - LS.02.01.30 - cited 36% - "The hospital provides and maintains building features to protect individuals from the hazards of fire and smoke."

Common Citations:

- Hazardous areas that are not protected
- Corridor doors with missing or broken positive latching hardware
- Penetrations of smoke barrier walls
- Smoke barrier doors with missing or broken self-closing hardware

Your team at Koffel Associates performs life safety evaluations and audits to determine if a facility is meeting these and all the Life Safety and related Environment of Care Standards of The Joint Commission. We can also provide advice on how to maintain your facility to better meet these standards.

If you have any questions we would be happy to help!

Koffel Presents the US Case Study

Koffel Associates will once again present the case study for the United States at the SFPE International Conference on Performance-Based Codes and Fire Safety Design Methods in Lund, Sweden. This year's case study analyzes a hypothetical, multi-level night club with open stairs and combustible wall linings. We will consider alternatives to prescriptive code criteria through the use of modeling and quantitative hazard analysis. As this practice continues to grow in use and acceptance, Koffel Associates will remain at the forefront. Our results will be presented along with the team results from several other countries.



“CODE UPDATES” Registration Form

**KOFFEL ASSOCIATES’ 2010 EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2010
ROLLING ROAD GOLF CLUB, CATONSVILLE, MD
REGISTRATION/CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST: 8:30AM
MEETING: 9:00AM - 4:00PM**

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