

KOFFEL TIMES

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WE ARE GROWING!!

KOFFEL OPENS OFFICES IN NASHVILLE AND QUINCY

Nashville:

We are pleased to announce the addition of **Bob Trotter, MCP**, to our staff....and the recent opening of our new office in Nashville, TN. Bob joins us with over 25 years of fire protection and *Life Safety Code* experience. He has national health care consulting experience and has over 20 years of technical code-based expertise in the built-environment. Bob holds 26 professional certifications from the International Code Council (ICC), Inc. and served as Chair of the Tennessee Code Development Committee, representing the Tennessee Fire Safety Inspector's Association. He currently is a member of the ICC Fire Service Exam Development Committee, is Past Chair of the ICC Fire/Performance/Wildland-Urban Interface Codes Interpretation Committee, and former member of the NFPA Safety to Life Technical Committee for Educational and Day-Care Occupancies. Versed in both the public and private sectors, his impact is already being felt within our organization and with clients.

With Bob's addition comes another opportunity! **Smith Seckman Reid, Inc. (SSR)** and Koffel Associates will be partnering together to provide facility assessments, Life Safety

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SAVE THE DATE

On **Tuesday, September 18, 2012**, Koffel Associates will hold its Annual Educational Conference at Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab. Our agenda will once again include updates on the codes, changes in the design environment, and invited speakers. Attendees include members of the AEC Community and AHJs.

More details to follow!
Mark your Calendar for September 18!



SERVICE TO OUR INDUSTRY

Recent Committee Appointments

Erik Anderson, P.E. currently serves as the Principal member on *NFPA 101*'s Education Committee, as an Alternate on NFPA Technical Committees: Fire Test NFPA 251-290; Inspection Testing and Maintenance of Water-Based Systems NFPA 25; Hazard and Risk of Content and Furnishings NFPA 555-557; and Water Cooling Towers NFPA 214.

James K. Lathrop serves on numerous NFPA committees and chairs the NFPA Technical Committee on 101 Means of Egress Committee (*NFPA 101* and 5000) and was recently appointed Chair of the NFPA 99 Committee on Piping Systems (Medical Gas Piping). He is the former chair of the NFPA Technical Committee on Pyrotechnics, NFPA Technical Committee on 101 Residential Occupancies (*NFPA 101* and 5000) Committee and NFPA Technical Committee on 101 Board and Care Occupancies (*NFPA 101* and 5000) Committee.



Did You Know???

Registered Fire Protection Engineers (FPE) are required on Federal Government jobs? GSA, for example, requires a FPE on design teams as a full participant and their regional fire protection engineers rely on the design team's FPE for adherence to and compliance with codes and standards. VA requires a FPE when 50% or more of the scope of work involves fire protection, or as a third party to verify designs meet applicable criteria. Military Agencies such as USACE and NAVFAC require a FPE to be an integral part of the design team, providing building code analysis, life safety code analysis, fire protection system design, multi-discipline reviews, and inspection and testing of fire protection systems. Government agencies rely heavily on our expertise....and we are ready to help you meet their requirements.

KOFFEL TALKS—VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE

Koffel Associates continues to offer a number of hour-long presentations to larger local area clients and prospects to help them keep abreast of changes and nuances in the codes. (Please contact Gayle at gjames@koffel.com for a list and to schedule.)

Webinars offer another avenue for sharing these overviews....and we'd appreciate knowing which one of the following 45-minute webinars (30-minute presentation and 15-minute Q &A) would interest you most.

Proposed Webinars to Choose From:

- [2012 NFPA 101[®] Life Safety Code Updates](#)
- [2012 IBC Updates](#)
- [Fire Stop Systems – Real World Problems](#)
- [Code Compliance for Health Care Facilities](#)

*Please
Help Us
Help You.....*

*Vote for your
preference for the
next Koffel Webinar*



[CLICK HERE TO VOTE!!](#)

KOFFEL OPENS OFFICES IN NASHVILLE AND QUINCY (CONT'D)



Assessments, Statement of Conditions, Life Safety Plan updates and other facility management assistance on a project-by-project basis. Bob Trotter was a major part of the SSR compliance team for years.

Welcome Aboard Bob and SSR!!

BOSTON, MA

Effective June 1, 2012, Koffel Associates opened an office in the Boston area. Located at 2 Batterymarch Park, Suite 104, Quincy, MA 02169, our local phone number is 617-934-2544. Koffel Associates will be more available to service our New England clients and we look forward to seeing you in New England!

COLUMBIA, MD

We are delighted to announce that Samantha White will join our team full time, upon graduation this summer with a degree in Fire Protection Engineering from the University of Maryland, College Park. Sam has been working part-time with Koffel Associates since June 2011 and we are delighted she will join us full-time next month. Welcome Sam!

TRUST FOR THE NATIONAL MALL



Koffel Associates is proud to join other corporations and leaders to support the mission of the Trust for the National Mall...to preserve our nation's front yard.

Our National Mall, which honors our heroes and history, and celebrates the spirit and hope of America, is badly tarnished and in need of significant rehabilitation. Koffel Associates is a Silver Sponsor of the Trust for the National Mall.

Bill Koffel, a Corporate Committee Member, together with Gayle James, work to raise awareness and private funding to augment the National Park Service

funds to restore and preserve our national legacy.

The 2-mile stretch of land situated between the US Capitol and the Lincoln Memorial, plus many surrounding monuments and memorials in Washington DC, attract 25 million visitors, including 8 million students, mostly 8th graders, and hosts more than 3,000 events each year. Public and private funding is needed to preserve and enhance

our Mall's beauty, usefulness and sustainability for generations to come. If you wish to join us in this worthy endeavor, please contact Gayle at 410-794-1588.

Over 1200 people attended the 5th Anniversary Benefit Luncheon on May 3rd, with guest speaker former First Lady Laura Bush, who is Honorary Chair for the Trust for the National Mall.

JOIN OUR DISCUSSION GROUPS ON LINKEDIN....

Join our Discussion Groups on LinkedIn. We are only a click away..

LinkedIn profile

For Life Safety Code issues: This Group is designed to provide a forum for people to ask questions relating to *The Life Safety Code*[®], compliance issues, and any questions relating to the changes in the 2012 Edition of *NFPA 101*[®]. Initially designed as a continuation of the discussions during the November 29, 2011 NFPA Code Compliance for Health Care Facilities Webinar co-sponsored by NFPA and Koffel Associates, we encourage questions regarding life safety for all occupancies.

For Proposed Changes to the IBC: The purpose of the group is to facilitate a discussion about Proposals submitted to revise the International Building Code. The Discussion Group will remain active until the ICC Final Action Hearings.

Ask the questions and get the answers....

For Smoke Management Discussion: Koffel Associates hosts this discussion group to provide a forum for discussion to the inquiring public. Local building, fire, and energy codes govern legal requirements at the state, county, and municipal levels. They vary widely from jurisdiction to jurisdiction and change frequently. Those local codes take precedence over all model building codes, such as the IBC, IFC, and NFPA, and may or may not have adopted any particular model code or may have adopted it only in part.



KOFFEL KUDOS!!



Paulette Chellis

KUDOS TO PAULETTE CHELLIS AND ALL OUR DONORS!

Paulette Chellis volunteered at the recent ReMax-sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive. Kudos to all of our employees who donated.

KUDOS TO LENNON PEAKE!!

Lennon was recently elected to the CASHE 2013 Associates Board. This board meets monthly and is very active in its support of this chapter. WAY TO GO LENNON!!!

KUDOS TO JENNIFER FRECKER AND OUR ENTIRE FT. BENNING DESIGN TEAM!

Prestigious, sought-after and bestowed on just a few, Jen Frecker and the Koffel Associates' Ft. Benning Design Team received a "token for a job very well done" at the dedication to the Ft. Benning Martin Army Community Hospital Replacement Project. The honor and token were presented to Jen on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 by Ms. Marcia Meekins, P.E., Chief, Contract Admin and Tech Support, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This tribute recognizes Jen and our Koffel team as being a key member and one of the major influences on the design of the replacement hospital. WAY TO GO TEAM!!!



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