

# KOFFEL TIMES

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## TEAM KUDOS

### PERFORMANCE PAYS OFF....

The Clark/Balfour Beatty Joint Venture Group received an award from NAVFAC for successful on-time completion of new construction and renovation work for Periods 2 & 3 on the 40-month, \$642 Million, LEED Gold, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center project in Bethesda, MD. Responsible for overall fire and life safety quality assurance during the construction process, Koffel Associates was a sub-consultant to HKS Architects providing fire protection and life safety consulting and fire suppression design services for the new construction and renovation portions of the project, and represented NAVFAC by serving as the Fire Protection Engineer of Record during the design process and serving as the Fire Protection Quality Assurance Specialist on-site during the construction. A tremendous effort was made by everyone associated with the project! Well done!!!!

### WELCOME!

Recent Fire Protection Engineering University of Maryland Graduate Nick Sealover joined our team as a fulltime fire protection engineer in January.

Nick joined us in June 2010 as a summer intern and has worked with us ever since. A valued member of our team, we welcome Nick to our fulltime staff!!!

## Happy New Year & All the Best in 2012!

## CODE COMPLIANCE FOR HEALTH CARE WEBINAR

Thursday, March 29, 2012—from 12:30 to 2:00 PM

### FREE HEALTH CARE WEBINAR – BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

NFPA and Koffel Associates will again co-sponsor a 90-minute webinar to review common Health Care Facility compliance issues cited by The Joint Commission (TJC) and CMS surveyors, and how to avoid these citations.

Actively involved in code compliance and recognized as experts in comprehensive *Life Safety Code*® consulting, surveying, analysis, and design for health care facilities, join industry experts William Koffel, P.E., FSFPE and Jennifer Frecker. To register go to [www.koffel.com/compliance](http://www.koffel.com/compliance)

The webinar will focus on actual applications and will identify changes in the 2012 Edition that can be used to address common compliance issues involving corridor clutter, larger suites and other issues. Participants will benefit most if,

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## FOLLOW US ON LINKEDIN

Join our discussion group on the *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.

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 welcome questions regarding life safety for all occupancies.

Call us 410-750-2246. Connect with us. We have answers.

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## TRAINING BY THE EXPERTS ... WHERE TO FIND US

President Bill Koffel and Vice-President Jim Lathrop travel and teach across the globe for NFPA....and if you work in the Baltimore/Washington DC area....you can save travel costs to learn from our experts in March.

The NFPA Seminars offered in the Baltimore/Washington DC area in which Bill or Jim will be training include:

### **FIRE ALARMS\***

**March 15: 2010 NFPA 72: Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Fire Alarms 1-day Seminar:** Learn ways to improve your inspection, testing and maintenance program to assure operational fire alarm system reliability. You'll learn to analyze the code and establish proper practices for given occupancies.

**March 15 - 16: 2010 NFPA 72: Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Fire Alarm Systems Seminar with Certificate of Educational Achievement:** This new 2-day seminar allows you to build on the 1-day seminar and demonstrate your knowledge of NFPA 72 to improve or develop a program tailored to the needs of your facility's system.

### **LIFE SAFETY CODE\***

**March 19 - 21: 2012 NFPA 101<sup>®</sup>: Life Safety Code<sup>®</sup> Essentials 3-Day Seminar:** Updated training based on the 2012 Edition includes major changes in health care, high-rises and other occupancies.

**March 19 - 22: 2012 NFPA 101<sup>®</sup>: Life Safety Code<sup>®</sup> with Focus on Occupancies 4-Day Seminar:** Develop greater understanding of means of egress and related systems. Specific requirements for each occupancy in the *Code* will be addressed.

**March 19 - 23: 2012 NFPA 101<sup>®</sup>: Life Safety Code<sup>®</sup> Essentials Focus on Occupancies Seminar with Certificate of Educational Achievement 5-day Seminar:** Develop your proficiency, enhance your knowledge and and acquire the tools to apply the 2012 Edition from those involved with code development.

Details of the seminars can be found on the NFPA [website](#)

**NOTE:** The State of Maryland is actively evaluating adoption of the 2012 Edition.

**For those not near the Baltimore/Washington DC area, or if travels take to you to these fine locations....you can still benefit from Bill and Jim's in-depth knowledge and training at these NFPA seminar sites:**

**2000 NFPA 101<sup>®</sup>: Life Safety Code<sup>®</sup>, 1999, NFPA 99 and the SOC for the Joint Commission Compliance Certificate of Educational Achievement 5-day Seminar\***

3/19 - 3/23 Baltimore, MD - Jim Lathrop

3/26 - 3/30 Las Vegas, NV - Jim Lathrop

4/16 - 4/20 San Diego, CA - Jim Lathrop

5/7 - 5/11 - Nashville, TN - Bill Koffel, Jim Lathrop

6/25 - 6/29 Ft. Lauderdale, FL - Bill Koffel

7/9 - 7/13 Quincy, MA - Bill Koffel

7-16 - 7/20 San Francisco, CA - Jim Lathrop

7/23 - 7/27 Williamsburg, VA - Jim Lathrop

8/20 - 8/25 Orlando, FL - Bill Koffel

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\*Bill and Jim may teach part or all of these seminars.

## NFMT Conference --- March 15, 2012 --- Baltimore Convention Center

Jennifer Frecker, Fire Protection Engineer and a Health Care Specialist, has been selected to present at the NFMT Baltimore Conference on Thursday, March 15, 2012. Her presentation, *Health Care Compliance Issues*, will focus on top compliance issues for health care facilities as they pertain to the *Life Safety Code®*; ways to implement strategies to remedy these compliance issues (which account for more than 50% of the top 10 citations made by TJC and CMS); and better insight into some of TJC's decision rules, changes and other clarifications. See you there!

## CODE COMPLIANCE FOR HEALTH CARE

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prior to the webinar, they become familiar with the changes between the 2000 and 2012 Editions of *NFPA 101*. Therefore, a presentation is available on our website which addresses these changes and can be downloaded :

[www.koffel.com/compliance](http://www.koffel.com/compliance)

Those who could benefit most include: hospital engineers, facility managers, safety directors, risk managers, nursing home safety directors, architects and designers, administrators responsible for Joint Commission compliance, and health care facility consultants.

SIGN UP SOON...REGISTRATION IS QUICKLY APPROACHING



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