



Koffel Associates would like to Wish You a Happy and Safe Holiday Season!

Koffel Associates Wins The SmartCEO 2015 Corporate Culture Award



We are honored to announce that Koffel Associates has been awarded, by an independent committee of local business leaders, the Smart CEO's 2015 Corporate Culture Award. As you can imagine, we are excited that out of the many companies that were nominated, Koffel has been recognized as a company that fosters a creative and collaborative workplace culture. The award recognition is a testament to the work environment that has been created at Koffel. It reinforces that our

values are the foundation of everything we do and not only impact our clients, but our employees as well.

A few examples of our culture are: holiday parties, annual trip to Raven's Stadium, managers cooking for employees, and best of all, our milestone anniversary company conference.

We are featured in the November/December issue of SmartCEO magazine.

ABOUT SMARTCEO

SmartCEO's mission is to educate and inspire the business community through its award-winning magazine, connections at C-level events and access to valuable online resources. SmartCEO's integrated media platforms reach decision makers in the Baltimore, New York, Philadelphia and Washington, DC, metropolitan areas.

Koffel Associates Awarded the David A. Lucht Lamp of Knowledge Award.

Koffel Associates was awarded the David A. Lucht Lamp of Knowledge Award by the Society of Fire Protection Engineering (SFPE), honoring and recognizing the "organization, company, or individual that has contributed substantially to increasing the opportunities for higher education in fire protection engineering." The award is named after David A. Lucht, P.E., FSFPE, "in recognition of his 25 years of leadership and dedication to the Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) Center for Firesafety Studies and his tireless efforts on behalf of the fire protection engineering profession." On November 10, 2015, at the SFPE North America Conference & Expo Awards dinner, in front of his peers in the fire protection industry, Erik Anderson, P.E. proudly accepted the award on behalf of Koffel Associates.



Growth and advancement has always been a priority at Koffel Associates where we encourage our employees to further their learning and enhance their knowledge through continuing education and advanced professional degrees. Annually we welcome fire protection engineering students as interns, to learn as they work, side by side, with our experts. While gaining knowledge and real life experiences, their love of fire protection engineering is nurtured and fostered, and they themselves are appreciated and recognized within our corporate culture.

Protecting Our Schools

Read how Bill Koffel, FSFPE, P.E., discusses the complex issues fire protection engineers face when providing fire protection and life safety in schools, on page 28 of the October 2015 issue of Consulting-Specifying Engineer Magazine.

[Visit the website for the full article](#)

Tips and Tricks for a Safe Winter

Christmas Tree & Holiday Decorating Safety Tips

There are an average of 230 structural fires a year caused by Christmas trees.

- If you have an artificial tree, be sure it is fire retardant
- If you choose a tree make sure it has fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched
- Be sure to place your tree at least three feet away from any heat source and do not block exits
- Do not use lights with broken or worn cords or loose bulb connections



For more information, tips and tricks, click the link(s) below.

[*Safety Tips from the National Fire Protection Association \(NFPA\)*](#)

[*Safety Tips from the National Safety Council \(NSC\)*](#)

[*Decorating Safety Tips from the Electrical Safety Foundation International \(ESFI\)*](#)

Staying Warm & Safe this Winter

Imagine yourself, cozy and snuggled up on the couch with a blanket, enjoying the warmth of a crackling fire...Staying warm and safe this winter is our hope for you.

- Install carbon monoxide detectors
- Clear outside vents from snow or debris



- Clean your chimney
- Use generators outdoors, away from openings in your home
- Have an emergency plan in place, if your alarm sounds



For more safety tips click the link(s) below.

[*Carbon Monoxide Safety Tips from the National Fire Protection Agency \(NFPA\)*](#)

[*Carbon Monoxide Safety Tips from the National Safety Council \(NSC\)*](#)

Winter Driving Safety Tips

We want you to be safe during your winter travels. From visiting friends and family, to holiday shopping, to heading to the slopes, before hitting the roads in bad weather, keep these tips in mind:

- Plan your route
- Keep your gas tank full
- Have an emergency kit in your car
- Keep your washer fluid full
- Accelerate slowly



For more information click the link(s) below.

[*Safety Tips from the National Traffic Safety Institute \(NTSI\)*](#)

[*Winter Driving Tips from AAA*](#)

Preparing Your Home for Winter

Plan ahead for winter hazards so you don't get left out in the cold!

- Clean your gutters
- Check for leaks in your roof
- Remove tree branches that hang over your house
- Check your heating system
- Install a Carbon Monoxide detector



Fore more information, tips and tricks, click the link(s) below.

[Safety Tips and Tricks from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)

[Low Cost Ways to Prepare Your Home for Winter by Money Talks News](#)

News On Fire

Happy Anniversary!

Koffel Associates values it's employees and strives for a happy, healthy work environment.

We are proud to announce the following employee work anniversaries:

- Amber Bedell - 5 years
- Angela Citro - 5 years
- Allison Ellis - 5 years
- Barry Edwards - 10 years
- Clay Aler - 15 years
- Gayle James - 15 years



Congratulations!

Koffel Associates empowers and encourages it's employees to further their education.

We are proud to announce the following employees that passed the P.E. exam:

- Nick Sealoover
- Adam Graybeal



Where To Find Us.....

Koffel offers FREE webinars

Do you have questions, need a refresher, or want to learn something new? We offer free webinars to help with all your needs.

[Click to register for a free webinar from our Koffel experts or to view past webinars.](#)

NFPA Life Safety Code® and Building Design Live Webinar

Join our expert, Bill Koffel, as he conducts the Lorman Live Webinar on February 12th 1:00 - 2:30pm EST, on *NFPA 101 The Life Safety Code* and Building Design - Learning to Navigate Requirements and Avoid Design Mistakes.

Koffel Associates has been able to secure a 50% discount for our clients and colleagues.

[Visit our Where to Find Us Page for additional information.](#)

LinkedIn Discussion Groups

Over 1,000 have joined so far....participating and benefiting in our discussion groups. Join in to learn and educate!

- [The Life Safety Code® Discussion Group](#)
- [Smoke Management Discussion Group](#)
- [Proposed Changes to the IBC Discussion Group](#)

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