

International Fire Code Council Scope and Objectives Statement

SCOPE:

The International Fire Code Council (IFCC) represents interest of the fire service and the International Code Council (ICC) by providing leadership and direction on matters of fire and life safety to meet government, industry and public needs.

OBJECTIVES: Specific objectives of the IFCC are to:

1. Build and improve relationships with all interests in code development, training and enforcement.

Encourage state/regional groups, such as state fire marshal associations and others, to participate in the Code Development Process.

Establish dialogue with groups that have a potential interest in the process or the product, as identified by the IFCC i.e. federal agencies, trade associations, etc.

2. Serve as an appeals hearing-body that reports to the ICC Board on appeals in the ICC Code Development Process related to text in all ICC Codes that are assigned to the IFC Code Development Committee.

1. Seek committee appointments of fire service representatives to ICC committees and all representatives to the International Fire Code (IFC) Development Committee:

Develop qualifications for appointment to committees.

Review nominations for qualifications and forward recommendations for appointments to the ICC.

Conduct a performance evaluation of the IFC Code Development Committee and fire service representatives on other ICC committees.

2. Oversee administrative issues related to the IFC.

Identify specific issues in the IFC that are in need of review for adequacy of coverage and appropriateness of technical requirements.

Evaluate and recommend the appropriate extent to which the text of standards should be incorporated into the text of the codes.

Evaluate prescriptive and performance concepts and provide input for development of code requirements.

3. Have IFCC members serve as liaisons to ICC committees, ICC councils and organizations internal and external to the ICC, to provide a voice on fire service related issues.

4. Make recommendations for ICC training and certification programs related to fire and life safety.

Identify the certification process for fire code users.

Develop certification/approval process for training programs offered by other organizations.

5. Provide opportunities to enhance the understanding, acceptance and use of the IFC by users, regulators and the general public, through educations, training and marketing.

Develop a strategic plan for the promotion, adoption and use of the International Fire Code.

Identify potential business partners and foster appropriate relationships with those organizations.

6. Provide direction on matters related to the code development process, such as:

A process for receiving comments and suggestions from delegates attending code development hearings,

Recommendations on appointment of moderators for code development hearings,

Recommendations on training of hearing delegates on the code development hearing process,

Recommendations on a pre- and post-hearing meeting with the IFC Development Committee to review hearing procedures and receive comments and suggestions on the hearing process,

Recommendations on forming regional groups and meeting with those representatives at code development hearings.

7. Provide recommendations to the ICC on matters of mutual interest with the fire service.

8. Prepare and submit a budget and work plan to carry out the objectives