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Code Council Participates in National Fire Prevention Effort

Fires claim almost 4,000 lives and cause \$12.7 billion in damage each year. The International Code Council is joining fire safety experts from across the country to help reduce those numbers. Vision 20/20 is a program funded by the Department of Homeland Security to bring together fire prevention efforts and focus them collectively to address the fire problem in the United States.

"Fire prevention is the most effective way to avoid the loss of life and property from fire," said Jim Tidwell, International Code Council Deputy Senior Vice President of Government Relations. "The Vision 20/20 group will determine how we can reduce the number of fires across the nation."

The forum takes place in Washington, D.C., March 31 and April 1.

The International Code Council, a membership association dedicated to building safety and fire prevention, develops the codes used to construct residential and commercial buildings, including homes and schools. Most U.S. cities, counties and states choose the International Codes, building safety codes developed by the International Code Council.

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