



**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Fire Service Membership Council Governing Committee**

**Thursday, September 24, 2020  
1:30 p.m. EDT**

**“Founded by Members to Serve our Members . . .  
Benefitting Communities Worldwide”**

<b>FSMC Governing Committee Members</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Present</b>
Gary West -- Chair -- National Fire Sprinkler Association, Nashville, TN	NASFM	X
Randy Metz -- Vice Chair -- Carlsbad Fire Department, CA	IAFC:W	
Bryan Adams -- Pleasant Valley Fire District, OH	ICC	X
Rick Boisvert -- Brighton Area Fire Authority, MI	IAFC:GL	X
Robert Buxton -- Hudson Fire Department, NH	IAFC:NE	
Tim Cowan -- City of Oneida Fire Department, NY (Ret.)	IAFC:E	
Michael Desrochers -- State of Vermont Division of Fire Safety	NASFM	X
Timothy Diehl -- Howard County DPW/Bureau of Facilities	ICC	X
Kevin Gallagher -- Acushnet Fire & EMS Department, MA	ICC	
Kara Gerczynski -- Elizabeth Fire Protection District, CO	IAFC:MV	X
Andy King -- Franklin Fire Department, TN	IAFC:SE	X
Kelly Nicoletto -- Underwriters Laboratories, TX	NASFM	X
Coy Porter -- Utah State Fire Marshal’s Office	NASFM	X
Christine Reed -- Central County Fire Department, CA	ICC	X
Brian Sloat – City of Fayetteville, AR	IAFC:SW	X
Steve Swarthout -- Riverside County Fire Department, CA	ICC	X
Mark Wassom -- Olathe Fire Department, KS	ICC	X
TBD -- Appointment Pending --	IAFC:C	--

<b>International Code Council (ICC) Staff and Liaisons</b>	<b>Present</b>
Greg Wheeler -- ICC President -- Thornton, CO	X
Angie Wiese -- ICC Director, FSMC Liaison to the ICC BOD -- St. Paul, MN	X
Jim Brown -- ICC Director -- Gillette, WY	X
Karl Fippinger -- Vice President, Fire & Disaster Mitigation -- ICC	X
Tim Schmitz -- Lead Senior Regional Mgr., Gov’t Relations -- ICC	X
Mark Roberts -- Lead Senior Regional Manager, Government Relations -- ICC	X
William Nash -- Senior Regional Manager, Government Relations -- ICC	X
Susan Dowty -- Regional Manager, Government Relations -- ICC	X

<b>Members/Guests Joining by Teleconference</b>	<b>Present</b>
Greg Rogers -- Division Chief/Fire Marshal -- Spokane Valley (WA) Fire Department	X
Robby Dawson -- Southeast Regional Director -- NFPA	X
Page Dougherty -- Fire Protection Engineer II -- Thornton (CO) Fire Department	X
Byron Mathews -- Division Chief -- Cheyenne (WY) Fire Rescue	X
Rock Meng -- Global Membership Council Liaison to FSMC -- Capitol Fire Protection Engineering	X
Aaron Murg, Fire Protection Specialist -- North County Fire Protection District -- Fallbrook (CA)	X
Shamim Rashid-Sumar—VP, Fire Codes and Standards, National Ready mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA)	X
Bob Sullivan -- Southwest Regional Director -- NFPA	X
Nadja Tremblay -- Sr. Manager, Government Relations & Global Codes and Standards -- Carrier	X
Jonas VanHoosier -- Field Consultant -- Quality Built LLC	X
John Walser -- Battalion Chief, Fire Prevention Services - Fairfax County (VA) Fire & Rescue Department	X

FSMC Governing Committee Teleconference Meeting Agenda:

- 1) Call to Order/Roll Call/Welcome guests (West/Fippinger)
  - a) Note: If you would like your attendance noted and you are not a standing invitee, please email [kfippinger@iccsafe.org](mailto:kfippinger@iccsafe.org).
- 2) Guest Presentation (See attached)

**An Update from the IAFC Fire and Life Safety Section (FLSS) and the Latest Information on the IAFC Community Risk Reduction (CRR) Leadership Conference**

Division Chief Greg Rogers  
Spokane Valley (WA) Fire Department  
Vice Chair, IAFC FLSS

- 3) Opening Remarks from the Chair (West)
  - a) Additions or Corrections to the Agenda
    - i) N/A
  - b) Approval of Minutes
    - i) August 27, 2020 Microsoft Teams Meeting
      - (1) Motion to accept: Kelly Nicoletto; Second: Kara Gerczynski ; Discussion: None; Approved unanimously
- 4) Guest Presentation (See attached)
- 5) 2020 Work Group Updates
  - a) Member Recruitment (King)
    - i) No report
  - b) Emerging Issues and Trends (Desrochers)

- i) Participating on other work group calls. Work group meeting scheduled for October. Continuing to work on updating web page with Excel spreadsheet. Thank you to Chief Rogers for his presentation.
- c) Public Awareness (Reed)
  - i) Developing Fire Prevention Week tweets and topics for October. Tweets will begin on Sunday. Finishing up work on inflatable spray booth topic. Working on web page update.
- d) Training and Education (Gerczynski)
  - i) Had a meeting last month. Narrowing down classes for 2021 ABM. Construction fire class, emerging trends class, flammable refrigerants class
  - ii) Working on an emerging issues and trends forum for ICC Center Stage during the ICC annual conference. Partnering with UL on the program. More details to follow.
  - iii) Working to better assist ICC with a career development path for fire service professionals. Karl reported that he has opened initial conversations with the ICC's Chief Knowledge Officer, Joan O'Neil on this subject.
  - iv) Next work group meeting is October 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am MT/11 am ET.
- 6) Reports from Officers (West/Metz)
  - i) Director Wiese mentioned the "ICC Learn Live" event and other information and events. If you're not on an ICC listserv, you're missing out on some great information. Briefed the Fire Code Action Committee (FCAC) earlier this month on progress made by the Ad Hoc Committee on Building Safety and Security.
  - ii) Highlighted the ICC Appeals Board work and status including the ICC Pulse, ["Appeals on Committee Reconsideration and Preemption Concluded"](#)
  - iii) President Wheeler offered some additional thoughts on the appeals process. We'll hear the rest of the appeals on Monday. The hearings are available on YouTube. The Blue Ribbon Committee has some more work to look at and expects a report back from the committee in December. The By-Laws Committee is working on emergency measures to help give the ICC the flexibility to hold future meetings in the virtual environment.
  - iv) Director Brown had no additional information to share. Chief West thanked President Wheeler and the other ICC directors for their participation with the FSMC.
- b) Chair's Report - Chief West
  - i) Chief West commented that we're in a time when things to continue to change and are different than they were. This has been a great opportunity for me to participate as chair of this council. It feels strange that we haven't had a face to face or been able to socialize and network with each other. Our group is very tight. Thank you.
- c) Vice Chair's Report - Chief Metz
  - i) Unable to attend. No report.
- d) Staff liaison (Fippinger)
  - i) Briefed the ICC's efforts on [Remote Virtual Inspections](#)
  - ii) Invited members and interested parties to attend the [ICC Learn Live](#) event the week of

November 9-13.

- iii) The Code Council has partnered with the American Wood Council to offer [training](#) and [information](#) on Tall Mass Timber
- iv) Application period opening for FEMA’s [Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities \(BRIC\) Program](#)

7) On-Going Business

- i) No report.

8) New Business

- i) None

9) Next Meeting

- i) Thursday, October 15, 2020 @ 1:30 p.m. EDT

10) Questions/Comments from the Audience

- i) None

11) Good of the Order

- i) None

12) Adjourn

- a) Motion: Kelly Nicoletto; Second: Christine Reed; Discussion: None; Result: Passed unanimously.

Gary West, Chair  
2020 FSMC Governing Committee

Randy Metz, Vice-Chair  
2020 FSMC Governing Committee

**2020 FSMC Meeting Schedule**

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
16	13	19	23	<del>24</del>	25	23	27	24	15	19	17
WebEx	WebEx	WebEx	WebEx	Teams	Teams	Teams	Teams	Teams	Teams	Teams	Teams

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# IAFC

International Association of Fire Chiefs



## Fire and Life Safety Section

Community Risk Reduction



May 25 - 27, 2021  
Embassy Suites | Murfreesboro, TN

## *Making Community Risk Reduction Relevant*

**Community Risk Reduction (CRR) Leadership Conference** is the only conference geared specifically to the education and training needs of chief officers and other fire service managers seeking to create, execute and evaluate measurably successful CRR platforms and programs. This specialized leadership training highlights proven methods and strategies to assess community risks and develop achievable strategic and operational plans to reduce them. Fire service leaders benefit from the real-world wisdom of CRR trailblazers and innovative rising stars, all working together to pioneer the future of CRR in North America.





# Discover Our Tracks

- **CRR Education**

This basic session is designed to help fire and emergency services learn what community risk reduction is and how to build organizational support for it. A course in this session should address the challenges that fire departments face in shifting their priorities. In many departments, community risk reduction is still considered a low priority.

- **CRR Partnerships**

These sessions should demonstrate how community risk reduction can help departments become more of a community player in times of decreased budgets. Community Risk Reduction (CRR) is an integrated approach to risk management that marries emergency operations and fire prevention strategies into a more cohesive approach to reducing risks in any community. It includes the fire department partnering with the community, nonprofit organizations, and any private sector agencies with a nexus to an identified community risk.



# Discover Our Tracks

- **New Technologies, Resources, and Tools in CRR**  
This track should provide students with an opportunity to see the latest technologies and techniques being used in Community Risk Reduction as well as include resources and tools being used throughout CRR. This should also provide innovative ideas and technologies being used for CRR.
- **Research and Analysis**  
This track should provide agencies on how to conduct a Community Risk Assessment and lay the foundation for an agency to create a community risk reduction plan. These sessions should also include ideas and thoughts on outcome performance measurements. This could also potentially include how fire departments use a data management system with geographic information system (GIS) capabilities to review and analyze incident information and help to determine needs and identify gaps.





# General Session Speakers

## **Dr. Nathan Mellor, Ed. D., President**

A thought-leader, two-time TEDx speaker, author, and CEO of Strata Leadership, Dr. Mellor is an experienced executive coach, who has provided in excess of 3,000 coaching sessions for executive leaders. He serves as a sounding board, sparring partner and a source of encouragement for leaders seeking to maximize their effectiveness.

<https://youtu.be/t0J2ysfjfAw>



# General Session Speakers

## 21st Century Fire and Emergency Services White Paper by CPSE and ICMA

- The Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE), an international technical organization committed to leading the fire and emergency service industry to excellence, today announced the publication of a white paper exploring the 21st Century Fire and Emergency Services. Developed in partnership with the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), the white paper identifies eight critical issues with associated initiatives and strategies to address these issues.



# General Session Speakers

- Public Safety Telecommunicators (PSTs) are under time pressure to question 911 callers to ascertain what is wrong, where they are, who they are and who is in danger in order to dispatch the right resources.
- 911eye live footage offers instant ‘on scene eyes’ to the PSTs; providing immediate **INSIGHT** which helps them to assess the scenario and, with caller’s location visible on integrated maps, to better select the appropriate **RESPONSE** to the incident – either as a ‘real-time’, immediate response or for a ‘slow-time’, non-emergency follow up – while at all times considering the **SAFETY** of first responders and the public.

<https://youtu.be/ftPejpyykwk>



Thank you  
any  
Questions?

