



NOR-CAL FPO
Northern California Fire Prevention Officers

A Section of the California Fire Chiefs Association

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California Fire Chiefs Association

Formed in 1897, The California Fire Chiefs Association (CFCA) is comprised of fire chiefs from over 1,100 fire agencies operating in the state of California. Member organizations consist of municipal fire service agencies, fire districts, state and federal government agencies, and corporate fire brigades. Members range from fire chiefs, executive staff officers, administrative support staff, EMS personnel, associated colleagues from fire service support organizations, and vendors. California Fire Chiefs Association has seven working sections and just over 2,000 members.

- Administrative Fire Services Section
- EMS (Emergency Medical Service)
- Communications
- Fire Prevention Officers
- Mechanics
- Training Officers
- Operations

There is a Legislative Task Force that monitors, and works on, legislation key to fire service interests at the State Capitol. Area Directors communicate with the various county fire chiefs associations, keeping them apprised of current events with the California Fire Chiefs Association. They also serve as mentors and resources to newly appointed fire chiefs throughout the state.

Due to the size of California and geographic limitations, the organization is divided into northern and southern divisions. The dividing line between north and south is an imaginary line starting near San Luis Obispo and heading east through Fresno to the Nevada state line. Meetings are held at various intervals as determined by the Section and parent organization.

The organization's Web site is: www.calchiefs.org

CFCA Mission Statement:

The mission of the California Fire Chiefs Association is to promote informed and progressive leadership in the California Fire Service that results in control and reduction of impacts from fire, emergency medical, natural or man made disasters through legislation, prevention, training, standards, information and education.

NOR-CAL FPO History

Formed in the early 50's, the Northern California Fire Prevention Officers Association is one of seven working sections of the California Fire Chiefs Association (CFCA).

The Fire Prevention Officers (FPO) Section of CFCA is organized into two Divisions; one in Southern California known as SO-CAL FPO's and one in Northern California known as NOR-CAL FPO's. The two Divisions each have their own officers, referred to as "Executive Boards."

The membership of each Division meets separately, once a month at various locations. The two Executives Board get together periodically to ensure continuity and discuss mutual issues. The North and South Committees meet jointly at an annual workshop held in Buelton, California and at the annual CFCA conference.

An integrated Web site at www.firepreventionofficers.org/ provides information to members of SO-CAL and NOR-CAL FPO's as well as interested fire protection professionals worldwide.

NOR-CAL Mission Statement:

To promote the protection of life, property and the environment from effects of fire and other hazardous events through education, engineering and enforcement.

NOR-CAL FPO Committees

Nine separate committees are available for members to contribute their talents and benefit from professional collaboration. The committees represent longstanding priorities in the fire prevention community statewide.

Committees:

- Fire Code
- Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)
- Hazardous Materials
- Fire Service Education
- Fire Investigation
- Building Standards
- Fire Equipment and Devices
- Legislative
- Public Education

Fire Code Committee:

Participates in the development and adoption process of the NFPA Fire Code, the International Fire Code, and Title 19. The Fire Code Committee develops code change proposals, and may support or challenge proposed code changes submitted by other agencies or organizations. The work of the code committee is vital to many life-safety issues surrounding construction practices, building materials and fire prevention.

Wildland Urban Interface Committee:

Monitors and helps develop changes to codes and standards relating to construction and vegetation management for fire issues in the wildland urban interface (WUI) area. Provides information to the members relating to the urban wildland fire issue and advises the Executive Board on related issues and developments at local, regional and state level.

Hazardous Materials Committee:

Discusses the development of laws and regulations pertaining to the enforcement of hazardous materials regulations. Participates in the development and adoption process for Article 80 and related Articles in the Uniform Fire Code. Proposes code changes and may support or challenge proposed changes submitted by other agencies or organizations.

Fire Service Education Committee:

Designs classes and seminars to improve the skills, knowledge and understanding of fire prevention for fire service and private industry professionals.

Fire Investigation Committee:

The committee acts as a Liaison to State and National fire investigation organizations such as the California Conference of Arson Investigators (CCAI) and the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI). The committee monitors and actively promotes legislation relating to fire causes, fire investigation, and the crime of arson. In addition, the committee monitors proposed changes in NFPA-921 and court decisions involving the standard, and coordinates fire investigation training for NOR-CAL FPO members.

Building Standards Committee:

Participates in the development and adoption process of the NFPA Building Code, International Building Code and California Building Code. The Building Standards Committee develops code change proposals, and may support or challenge proposed code changes submitted by other agencies or organizations.

Fire Equipment and Devices Committee:

Monitors development and testing of new fire protection equipment and devices. Participates in the development of proposed changes to codes and standards relating to fire protection equipment and devices. Proposes changes to such codes and standards, and may support or challenge proposed changes submitted by other agencies or organizations. Advises the Executive Board and members on matters relating to fire protection

Legislative Committee:

Monitors state legislation through various sources including the State Fire Marshal's Office and the California Fire Chief's Legislative Committee. Evaluates pending legislation and regulation for potential impact on fire protection. Participates in meetings and hearings pertaining to legislation and regulation and advises both the Northern and Southern Presidents on matters relating to legislation and regulation.

Public Education Committee:

This committee develops new and innovative ways to make public education more effective. This includes the creation of professional and community-based outreach programs which can be implemented by local jurisdictions. The committee also has the opportunity to work with public educational organizations worldwide.

Fire Prevention Institute – March 12-16, 2007

The California Fire Prevention Institute is a non-profit educational institute established by the California Fire Chief's Association and the California Fire Prevention Officers organization. The institute provides an annual workshop designed for fire prevention professionals from throughout California. Known fondly as the Buellton Workshop, this is a valuable opportunity to receive currency training and rekindle personal networks.

The 2007 courses will include:

- The Politics of Legislation Influencing Code Changes
- Community Risk Analysis Methodology
- Assessing NFPA Research Program Data
- NFPA 13 – 2002 Edition
- NFPA 25 – 2003 Edition
- Advanced Fire Alarm Systems
- Mixed Use Building Codes/Standards
- Wildland/Urban Interface Protection
- Sprinkler Protection for Special Storage
- Fire Investigation/Crime Scene
- ICC Transition Certification
- Legal Issues of Code Enforcement
- ICS-300 For NIMS Compliance

For information and registration, visit www.firepreventionofficers.org.

Charlie Gray Service Award and Scholarship

Charles H. Gray served as Fire Marshal for City of Santa Rosa Fire Department located in Sonoma County, California. He was a long time member of the California Fire Chief's Association Fire Prevention Officer's Section – Northern Division and rose up through the Chairs to hold the office of President in 1977.



Chief Gray contributed his time and talents to the betterment of the Association by promoting fire and life safety through code development processes and throughout the community. As a tribute to his dedicated service, the Charles H. Gray Memorial Fund Service Award and Scholarship program was established.

In November of each year, written nominations for the Memorial Award are submitted to the Board of Directors for their consideration. In March, the Board presents the Memorial Award to a person or persons for their outstanding service to the California Fire Prevention Officer's Section, Northern Division.

Scholarship applications are accepted from June 1st until December 31. Awards are conferred by March 31st of the following year.

Project grants are conferred as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors. To apply for an award, scholarship or project related grant, visit www.firepreventionofficers.org or call or write:

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NOR-CAL Membership Opportunities

Membership in NOR-CAL FPO is open to a wide variety of professionals in the fields of fire suppression and prevention. Membership is on an individual basis and on a calendar year renewal schedule. A key feature of NORCAL membership is the opportunity for collaborate with some of the top minds in

fire suppression and prevention. This kind of exposure is extremely valuable in building a professional fire service career.

Regular Members: This membership is for regular and volunteer members of municipal, county, state and federal fire suppression and fire prevention agencies, and other governmental agencies. Annual dues for new regular members are \$55.00 with renewal at \$45.00.

Associated Members: Associate members represent a wide range of fire prevention interests and occupations. This membership group is made up of vocal advocates for the aims and purpose of NOR-CAL and may include fire protection consultants, representatives from the sprinkler industry, fire alarm industry, fire equipment manufacturers, and other fire prevention organizations.

Retired members who represent fire related businesses are welcome as Associate Members. Annual dues for new Associate Members are \$85.00 with renewals at \$75.00.

Retired Members: These are past Regular Members who are honorably retired from their department or agency. Annual dues are \$25.00.

Student Members: These are non voting members interested in actively seeking employment in the fire service by enrollment in a curriculum leading toward a degree in Fire Service Technology. Annual dues are \$25.00.

Benefits of Membership in NOR-CAL FPO

Membership in NOR-CAL FPO's affords the opportunity to be part of a statewide organization of fire service professionals that have impact on the local, state and national level. Other benefits include:

- **Career advancement** opportunities through networking and committee collaboration: Nine committees offer participants a wide range of experience and exposure, from fire code legislation to wildland fire prevention and public education. Committee participants often have the opportunity to work hand-in-hand with some of the leading experts in fire prevention, suppression and legislation.
- **Professional peer recognition** through participation in fire prevention and legislative activities. NOR-CAL FPO members have opportunities to share their interests and accomplishments at statewide and national levels.
- **Access to national organizations** like ICC and NFPA. NOR-CAL FPO members participate in critical fire prevention initiatives at state and national levels. NOR-CAL FPO's sponsor and actively support members who desire to serve on select committees and boards.

- **Advanced training and knowledge** of fire prevention issues and techniques. NOR-CAL FPO members have access to a wide range of skills training and mentoring taught by seasoned fire service experts. Members are eligible for discounts on selected workshops and training opportunities. In addition, members receive a 20% discount on ICC code books.
- Knowledge that participation in NOR-CAL can **improve the life-safety and welfare of California communities**. NOR-CAL members can take pride in being part of a growing awareness of the need and value of fire prevention in our society.
- As a member of NOR-CAL FPO you may have the opportunity to **represent your organization at International Fire Code and Building Code hearings** across the country. You not only have a voice in code change, but the ability to gain valuable insight on the “behind the scenes” process of how codes originate and why they change. Members who are committee co-chairs get their expenses paid for by NOR-CAL FPO.

Resources and Links

Please visit the NOR-CAL Web site at www.firepreventionofficers.org for a complete listing of related links and resources. These links include:

- Model Code Organizations
- Fire Service Associations
- Fire Departments
- State of California Agencies
- Federal Agencies
- Public Education

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who is eligible to join NOR-CAL FPO?

Regular and volunteer members of municipal, county, state and federal fire suppression and fire prevention agencies, and other government agencies.

Past NOR-CAL members that are honorable retired from a fire department or agency.

Fire protection engineers and any other person interested in aims and purpose of NOR-CAL.

Persons interested in a career in the fire service that are enrolled in a fire Service Technology curriculum at the college level.

2. What are the benefits of being a NOR-CAL FPO Member?

The personal and professional benefits of NOR-CAL membership include:

- Career advancement opportunities through networking and committee collaboration;
- Access to a wealth of professional resources including experts in fire suppression, fire prevention and fire code regulation;
- Professional peer recognition through participation in national fire prevention activities;
- Access to national organizations like ICC and NFPA;
- Advanced training and knowledge of fire prevention issues and techniques.
- Knowledge that participation in NOR-CAL can improve the life safety and welfare of California communities.

3. How is someone nominated for the Charlie Gray Service Award?

In November of each year, written nominations for the award are solicited from the general membership. The Board of Directors then selects a recipient or recipients for formal presentation during the month of January.

4. Who is eligible to receive a Charlie Gray Scholarship?

Scholarships are awarded to a resident(s) of Northern California (All counties north of Kern and San Luis Obispo Counties and west of Mono and Inyo counties) whose educational endeavor is in the area of public fire education or fire safety.

5. When are scholarship awards given out?

Applications are accepted from June 1st until the end of December each year. Awards are conferred by March 31st of the following year.

6. What is the duration of committee participation?

Participation is on a renewable basis and should be considered a long-term commitment.

7. Who is eligible to attend the annual Fire Prevention Workshop? Is there a cost?

All current NOR-CAL members are eligible to participate in the Fire Prevention Workshop held annually near Buellton, California.

8. Where can I find a list of fire prevention training classes?

NOR-CAL FPO training classes are posted online at www.firepreventionofficers.org.

9. Who do I contact for media inquiries?

Media inquiries should be directed to Angela Giuliani, the current NOR-CAL FPO President, at 408-615-4964 or aguiliani@ci.santa-clara.ca.us.

10. How often does the organization meet and how long are the meetings?

NOR-CAL FPO holds general membership meetings every month (except December and May due to the Holidays, and March due to the Annual FPO Workshop) at various locations throughout Northern California. Members have the opportunity to share ideas, hear reports from the State Fire Marshal's Office, hear legislative reports; participate in committee meetings and to network with their counterparts from all over Northern California. Meetings generally start at 9:00am and conclude at 2:00pm. A complete meeting schedule is posted on the NOR-CAL FPO Web site at www.firepreventionofficers.org.

11. Where are the meeting held?

Locations vary each month. Refer to the meeting schedule posted on the NOR-CAL Web site at www.firepreventionofficers.org.

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Appendix –

Board Profiles

Angela Giuliani, President

Angela is a Hazardous Materials Specialist with the Santa Clara Fire Department. If you see her resume, you can understand how perfect she is for the job. Combine an MBA with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry; with 10 years of chemical laboratory experience in a wide range of industrial, educational and governmental positions in Canada; plus 15 years of hazardous materials background and code enforcement with the Palo Alto and Santa Clara Fire Departments, and you have a bona fide fire service HAZMAT expert.

Darren Drake, First Vice President

Darren is a Division Chief and Fire Marshal for the City of Napa. Darren has nearly 30 years of firefighting experience starting with the US Forest Service in 1977. Before joining the Napa Fire Department in 2003, he was a Fire Marshal in San Luis Obispo, California; and a Chief Officer in Park City, Utah; and Pismo Beach, California. He is a member of the National Fire Protection Association, California Fire Chiefs – Fire Prevention Officers Executive Board, ICC, International Fire Marshals Association, CCAI and the Western Fire Chiefs Association.

Theresa Johnson, Second Vice President

Theresa has spent nearly 16 years as a fire service professional. After a stint in the Marine Corps as radar systems technician and later as a hotel manager, in 1990 she joined the Vacaville Fire Department as a Fire Prevention Technician. After several years she was hired by the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District as a Fire Prevention Specialist. In 2001 she joined the Alameda County Fire Department as a Deputy Fire Marshal and was promoted to Fire Marshal in 2003. She retired from the fire service in 2006 due to an injury and is currently working part time teaching ROP Fire Science at California High School in San Ramon.

Morgana Chan, Secretary

Morgana is the Fire Marshal for the City of Fairfield Fire Department. Morgana has been with the City for 13 years. She began there with the police department as a dispatcher for two years and then transferred to the fire department as an entry level Fire Inspector. From there, she promoted thru the ranks to her current position of Fire Marshal. She has a Certificate in Fire

Science from Solano Community College and a Bachelor's Degree in Management from St. Mary's College. Since becoming a supervisor Morgana has been responsible for supervision of the Administration Staff, promotional exams, recruitment processes and workmen's compensation issues. She has also served as Project Manager on several multi-million dollar computer projects relating to Computer Aided Dispatch systems, Mobile Data Computers for the fire apparatus and fire department records management systems. Currently, she supervises the fire prevention division and the fire investigation team.

Scott Alber, Treasurer

Scott is currently the Battalion Chief/Fire Marshal for the County of Marin Fire Department and is based in Woodacre, California. After graduating with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from San Diego State University in 1985, Scott immediately began applying his engineering talents with the likes of General Dynamics, Lockheed Missiles and Space Company, Integrated Fire and Failure Technologies and Rolf Jensen & Associates. In 1999, Scott joined the Sausalito Fire Department as a Fire Prevention Officer. In 2002 he transferred to the County of Marin Fire Department where he is responsible for coordinating code enforcement, safety inspections and fire investigations. Scott's blend of aero space engineering, structural design and fire science knowledge give him a significant advantage in dealing with the often complex issues of urban development and code enforcement.

Tom Harvey, Director of Operations

Tom is currently an H-32 Provisional Captain in the Bureau of Fire Prevention with the City of San Francisco Fire Department. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from San Francisco State College and a degree in Fire Science from City College of San Francisco. His fire service career started in 1981 as a Firefighter for the City of Mountain View, California.

Tom has been with the City of San Francisco for more than 10 years. During this time he has held a number of key fire prevention posts. These include H-32 Captain, Captain of Code Enforcement, Plan Check Section Captain, Airport Fire Marshal, Port Fire Marshal, Captain of Administration and Bureau of Fire Investigation Captain. As you might expect from such key assignments, Tom is an excellent source of knowledge on how large city fire departments manage the complex job of fire prevention.

Dennis Mathisen, Judge Advocate

Dennis is a Division Chief/Fire Marshal for the City of Roseville, California. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Management from Saint Mary's College and an Associated of Arts in Fire Technology from American River College. Dennis has a vast knowledge of fire prevention and code enforcement issues having spent over 22 years as a professional fire prevention officer.

Dennis has served on the board of the California Fire Chief's Association, Fire Prevention Officer's Section; Sacramento Valley Fire Marshal's Association; Co-Chair of the NOR-CAL Fire Services Education Committee, and as a Board member of the Sacramento County Fire Marshal's Association. When it comes to understanding what it takes to run a successful community-based fire prevention program, Dennis is an excellent resource to go to.

Doug Williams, Liaison Chief

Doug has been a fire service professional since the early '70s. He started his career in 1976 with a Fire Science degree from Santa Rosa Junior College and added a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering degree in 1979. The ensuing years led him to work for A.O. Smith as an industrial engineer until he joined the fire service in 1985 as Assistant Chief and Fire Marshal of the Rincon Valley Fire Department. In 1996 he was promoted to Chief.

Doug has given freely of his time over the years and was honored in 2005 with the Charles H. Gray Award for outstanding contributions to fire prevention. In 2002 he was named "Fire Official of the Year" by the California Building Officials (CALBO) organization.

Doug plays a key role in maintaining open communications and support between NOR-CAL FPO and a variety of professional fire service organizations.