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INTRODUCTION BY: Alan Sactor

DATE: November 9th

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NAME: Col Michael E Fossum ‘80
TITLE: Chief Operating Officer, Texas A&M University at Galveston(TAMUG), Vice President, Texas A&M University Superintendent, Texas A&M Maritime Academy (TAMMA)
INTRODUCTION BY: James Rainer
DATE: November 10th

Bio: Michael E. Fossum '80 currently serves as a Vice President of Texas A&M University, the Chief Operating Officer of the Galveston Campus, and the Superintendent of the TexasA&M Maritime Academy. Fossum joined Texas A&M following his retirement from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) – Johnson Space Center in 2017.Fossum is a veteran of three space flights with 194 days in space and 48 hours in seven spacewalks during his 19 years as an astronaut. During his last mission in2011, Fossum served as the Commander of the International Space Station. He has logged over 2,000hours in 35 different aircraft throughout the course of his career. Fossum earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Texas A&M University and was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Air Force in 1980. He is also a graduate of the US Air Force Test Pilot School and has earned Master of Science degrees in Systems Engineering and Space Science. Fossum was born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and grew up in McAllen, Texas. He is married to his Aggie sweetheart, the former Melanie J. London '80. They have four children and nine grandchildren. He enjoys family and outdoor activities. Fossum has been a lifelong supporter and volunteer in the Scouting program.

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NAME: Anna Schnerre

TITLE: UL Standards & Engagement (ULSE),Senior Insights Analyst

INTRODUCTION BY:

DATE: November 10th

Bio: Anna Schnerre joined UL Standards & Engagement (ULSE) as a Senior Insights Analyst, specializing in both quantitative and qualitative research. With expertise in safety science research, Anna has contributed to consumer studies in carbon monoxide poisoning prevention and awareness, fire safety, e-mobility safety, and battery safety.

Prior to joining ULSE, Anna gained extensive experience in research and analysis, focusing on consumer behavior. Her work has informed industry best practices and contributed to the development of safety standards in emerging technologies.

Anna has presented research findings at industry conferences and worked across various sectors, bridging the gap between research and practical application to enhance consumer safety and awareness.

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NAME: Pedro Serrallés

TITLE: Sustainable Transportation – Program Coordinator II

Transportation Services, Texas A&M University

INTRODUCTION BY:

DATE: November 10th

Bio: Pedro has been working for Transportation Services at Texas A&M University since 2014 and has been a Program Coordinator II with Sustainable Transportation for over 4 years. Working in Transit, Special Events, Visitor Parking and Sustainable Transportation has given me the opportunity to interact with various forms of transportation, infrastructure, and individuals.

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NAME: Kendal Walton '23, M.S.

TITLE: Sustainable Transportation Program Assistant, TAMU

INTRODUCTION BY:

DATE: November 10th

Bio: Kendall has been working for Sustainable Transportation at Texas A&M since September 2025. While only being on the team for a year, she has become closely acquainted with student micromobility devices and the opportunities and dangers they provide. Kendall manages the micromobility database for Sustainable Transportation and issues resident permits to students with certified micromobility devices.

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NAME: Chuck Allen
TITLE: Assistant State Fire Marshal
INTRODUCTION BY: James Rainer
DATE: November 10th

Bio: I have been with TDI/SFMO since June 2016, where I started as a fire/life safety inspector. I rose through the ranks as a lieutenant and captain. I became the Assistant State Fire Marshal in September 2023. I have a bachelor's degree from West Texas A&M in Emergency Management and a master's degree from Grand Canyon University in Leadership with an Emphasis in Disaster Preparedness and Executive Fire Leadership. I am a master fire inspector, master fire/arson investigator, as well as a master peace officer. I am a field training officer and a certified fraud examiner. I have over 35 years of experience in the public safety industry (Fire, EMS, Law Enforcement) which includes private sector, municipal, county, and state governments. I have spent time in criminal investigations, patrol supervisor both with a sheriff's office. I created a county fire marshal/emergency management office from the ground up. I currently serve on the Board of Directors for the Texas Fire Marshal's Association and am a member of the International Fire Marshal's Association Codes and Standards Committee. I also sit on the Codes and Standards Committee with the National Association of State Fire Marshal's. As the Assistant Chief, I oversee all field operations, which include fire investigations, licensing investigations, canine, and inspections. I also have oversight of the Firefighter Fatality Investigations, budget, human resources, outreach and education, and procurement for SFMO.

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NAME: Tommie Downs
TITLE: Chief Channel Officer / EVP Sales, REMEDI8
INTRODUCTION BY:
DATE: November 10th

Bio: With over 25 years of experience in facilities leadership and life safety, Tommie Downs brings a strategic and operational perspective to higher education environments. Having served 15 years as a Director of Facilities in healthcare, Tommie developed a deep understanding of complex, compliance-driven facilities. This experience translates directly to the unique demands of college and university campuses.

Over the past 12 years, Tommie has held senior leadership roles in passive fire and life safety, focusing on the development and execution of comprehensive inspection, testing, and maintenance programs. As a Facilities Program Management professional, Tommie has designed and implemented system-wide strategies that align with regulatory requirements while improving safety, efficiency, and long-term asset performance.

Today, Tommie partners with higher education institutions to strengthen fire and life safety programs, ensure compliance, and create scalable, sustainable solutions across diverse campus portfolios.

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NAME: Kendall Pate
TITLE: Business Development Manager
INTRODUCTION BY: Doug Gazzale
DATE: November 10th

Bio: Kendall Pate is a Business Development Manager based in Trussville, Alabama, specializing in fire protection, loss control, and emerging risk solutions. He previously served as Director of Engineering at Amerex, where he led the design, testing, and development of fire suppression technologies, including extensive hands-on research into lithium-ion battery fire hazards.

Kendall is an active contributor to industry standards development, serving on UL technical committees for fire extinguisher standards and participating in UL task groups focused on developing test methods for lithium-ion battery fire hazards. He combines deep technical expertise with a strong understanding of operational and leadership challenges, enabling him to translate complex fire risks into practical, actionable strategies for decision-makers. His work helps organizations strengthen safety, resilience, and real-world preparedness.

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INTRODUCTION BY: Richard Roberts
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NAME: William Fletcher
TITLE: Senior Fire Protection Engineer - Service Line Leader, Smoke Control
INTRODUCTION BY: Richard Roberts
DATE: November 11th

Bio: Will Fletcher is a licensed fire protection engineer with over 13 years of experience and is based in Jensen Hughes' Minneapolis office. He contributes innovative code consulting, fire protection, and life safety solutions to projects. He is often sought out for his expertise in smoke control consulting, design assistance and special inspection services because he truly understands the complexity of smoke control systems and their interdependence on many other building systems. His expertise outside smoke control includes code analysis, automatic fire sprinkler system design and testing, computer fire modeling, high-piled storage evaluation, hazardous material consulting and wildland-urban interface consulting. Will also represents Jensen Hughes as an alternate on NFPA 92 Standard for Smoke Control Systems.

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NAME: Richard Roberts

TITLE: Senior Industry Affairs Manager , Honeywell Technologies

INTRODUCTION BY: Jody Nolan

DATE: November 11th

Bio: Mr. Roberts has over 35 years in the fire alarm and life safety markets that spans the installation, sales, and the development of products/systems. He is a member of thirteen NFPA Technical Committees, several ICC Fire Code Action Committee (FCAC) Working Groups, and the Model Codes Committee of the National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM). Mr. Roberts serves on the Board of Directors for the Fire and Life Safety Section (FLSS) of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), Center for Campus Fire Safety (CCFS), and is the Chair of the Safer Buildings Coalition (SBC) Codes & Standards Committee.

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NAME: Christina Binkowski

TITLE: Research and Data Analysis Engineer, The National Carbon Monoxide Awareness Association

INTRODUCTION BY: Jody Nolan

DATE: November 11th

Bio: Christina Binkowski brings a background in chemical engineering to her work in carbon monoxide safety. Since joining NCOAA in 2022, she has contributed to the CO Safety Coalition, participated in updating codes and standards, and supported a variety of initiatives that promote CO awareness and prevention. She earned her BS in Chemical Engineering from the University of Kentucky.

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NAME: Donna Settle

TITLE: Property Risk Engineering Leader, Gallagher

INTRODUCTION BY: Doug Gazzale

DATE: November 11th

Bio: Donna Settle is a commercial property risk engineering specialist with expertise in storage and logistics, manufacturing, and large healthcare, education, and research campuses. She provides risk engineering services to global clients with complex occupancies, helping to control and minimize total risk costs. Donna acts as a liaison between clients and property insurance carrier engineers to align priorities and stabilize insurance programs.Starting her career as a facilities engineer in 1993, Donna joined Gallagher in 2020. She has worked with Rockwell Space Operations, FM Global, Zurich, and Marsh, gaining experience in property loss prevention, risk analysis, and loss investigation. Her diverse roles enable her to translate technical recommendations into actionable solutions.Donna earned a bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering from Lamar University and is a licensed Professional Engineer in Texas. In addition to URMIA, CCFS, and PRIMA, she is a member of NFPA, NSPE, and SFPE.her Education

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NAME: Vincent Powers
TITLE: ITM Specialist, NFSA
INTRODUCTION BY: Alan Sactor
DATE: November 11th

Bio: Vincent Powers is the ITM Specialist for the National Fire Sprinkler Association (NFSA), with a distinguished 28-year career in the fire protection industry. During this time, Vincent has initiated and managed departments in inspection, testing, and maintenance (ITM), fire alarms, and special hazards, demonstrating expertise in NFPA 25 standards and fire sprinkler systems. Prior to his tenure at NFSA, Vincent spent 20 years as a contractor, working on iconic sites like the National Archives, National Museum of History, and the White House. He also discovered his passion for instruction while teaching 3rd and 4th-year open shop apprentices. Since joining NFSA, Vincent has refined his instructional skills, educating thousands of students with consistently high pass rates. He actively serves on NFPA 25, NFPA 72, NFPA 950, NFPA 915 and NFPA 1 committees, contributing to national safety standards. Vincent holds NICET certifications, including Level III in Inspection and Testing of Water-Based Systems, Level II in Fire Alarm Systems, Level II in Special Hazards Systems, Level I in Sprinkler System Layout and is Certified Fire Protection Specialist(CFPS). A U.S. Navy veteran, he resides in Maryland.

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NAME: Denise Pappas
TITLE: General Manager
INTRODUCTION BY: James Rainer
DATE: November 11th

Bio: Denise L. Pappas, MBA, is an international keynote speaker and fire & life safety advocate specializing in risk reduction, leadership, and emerging technologies. As host of "The MADFAB Hour," she equips campus and industry professionals to lead with clarity, accountability, and impact in complex, high-risk environments. International keynote speaker with experience presenting on fire & life safety, risk management, leadership, and emerging technology. Audiences include National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA), BICSI, and Center for Campus Fire & Life Safety (CCFS). Known for engaging, practical sessions that translate into real-world action.

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NAME: Lee Hamilton
TITLE: National Operations Manager – Fire Sprinkler
INTRODUCTION BY: Alan Sactor
DATE: November 11th

Bio: Lee is the national operations manager for fire sprinkler and water based solutions for Siemens Industry and calls central Texas home. Mr. Hamilton has been with Siemens since 2018 and has been in the fire and life safety industry since 2004. Beginning his career as a field technician, he has installed and maintained many different types of protection systems including (but not limited to) fire sprinkler, fire suppression and extinguishing, fire alarm/detection, mass notification and firefighter enhancement radio systems. Lee also served as fire marshal and life safety specialist for Texas State University in San Marcos, TX from 2012 to 2015. There he maintained the university fire and life safety inspection program, instructed personnel on confined space protocols, worked as a member of the University HAZMAT/Spill Response Team and trained university staff/faculty/students on fire and life safety equipment and processes while fulfilling his other duties. Lee believes that a full understanding of fireand life safety is necessary to provide the level of protection needed to ensure that people are safe where they live, work and play. This has helped to shape his path and caused him to pursue both industry and code enforcement experiences to help bridge gaps that can contribute to misconceptions about what is required and the best ways to accomplish fire and life safety goals for different environments and hazards.

Mr. Hamilton is still an active member of the Texas Fire Marshal's Association and continues to pursue greater understanding of hazards and solutions. At Siemens, Lee has continued his passion for life safety education through teaching training courses and running the Fire Sprinkler Inspector Development program. He also helps to roll out advancements in processes, technology and digitalization.

Mr. Hamilton is NICET certified in Inspection and Testing of Water-Based Systems, Water Based Systems Layout and Design, and Special Hazards and maintains his State of Texas RME-I, Fire Alarm License and Class A Suppression license. He serves as an alternate on the NFPA 25 Technical Committee representing Siemens, holds levels in the FEMA National Incident Management System, and is also a member of the National Fire Sprinkler Association.

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NAME: Kevin Bell

TITLE: Mass Notification Integration Subject-Matter Expert, Kidde

INTRODUCTION BY: Doug Gazzale

DATE: November 11th

Bio: Kevin Bell - Kidde. Kevin Bell is a Mass Notification Integration Subject-Matter Expert and supports Edwards and Kidde nationwide. A US Navy Veteran and a 33-year veteran of the Electronic Security and Mass Notification Industry, Kevin has significant understanding of fire, security and communication systems design on multi-million dollar projects. His experience includes business development, consultation with architect and design firms, life safety systems coordination, developing budgets, systems integration design, and a broad knowledge of multiple mass notification systems platforms. His design experience includes large healthcare systems, higher education, corporate and industrial campuses along with state/local government facilities.

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NAME: Laurie L. Christensen

TITLE: Fire Marshal | Law Enforcement & Public Safety Executive

INTRODUCTION BY:

DATE: November 11th

Bio:

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NAME: Brooke Vasapollo
TITLE: Program Leader Safety Security Health and Wellness, UTK
INTRODUCTION BY: Jody Nolan
DATE: November 11th

Bio: Brooke Vasapollo serves as a Program Leader for Safety, Security, Health and Wellness, where she leads strategic initiatives focused on fire and life safety, risk reduction, regulatory compliance, and campus safety programs. With experience managing complex, cross-functional projects, she works closely with stakeholders to develop sustainable safety solutions that protect people, property, and operations. Brooke is passionate about fostering a proactive safety culture through collaboration, continuous improvement, and effective program management.

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NAME: Jerry Petre
TITLE: University Fire Marshal OSU, CSHEMA
INTRODUCTION BY:
DATE: November 11th

Bio: Gerald Petre is the University Fire Marshal for the Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) department at Oklahoma State University (OSU) in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Originally from Detroit, Jerry enlisted in the U.S. Navy in July of 1990, where he spent 20 years working on alarms and warning systems, earning his qualification as shipboard fire marshal. In 2010, he retired from the Navy and worked briefly at the Pentagon where he maintained fire protection and suppression systems. He soon moved to Oklahoma and began working at OSU as a chilled water plant operator before transitioning to a Fire Alarm
Technician for the Environmental Health and Safety department. He was promoted to Deputy Fire Marshall in early 2015, a position he held until September 2016 when he was again promoted to University Fire Marshal. He holds a bachelor's degree in fire administration from Columbia Southern University. He earned his Fire Inspector I certification in 2015 from the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress.

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NAME: Gordon Lohmeyer
TITLE: Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service
INTRODUCTION BY:
DATE: November 12th

Bio: Gordon Lohmeyer, CFPS/PI/CRO serves as the senior associate agency director and chief research officer for the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX). Gordon has over 35 years of experience in industrial safety and emergency response, as well as in municipal fire and emergency medical services. Before joining TEEX, he served as the fire chief and emergency response coordinator for Texas Petrochemicals LP, where he was responsible for emergency services for two facilities in Texas and one in Louisiana. Gordon is a Certified Fire Protection Specialist (CFPS) and Principal Investigator (PI). He serves on 12 NFPA technical committees. He is the Texas state training director for the North American Fire Training Directors and is vice chair of the Texas Industrial Emergency Services Board. He is a consensus panel member for the American National Standards Institute (ANSI)/ISEA), a member of the UL Firefighter Safety Research Institute Advisory Panel on training fuels, and a member of the Oklahoma State University IFSTA Executive Board.

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NAME: Matthew Speach
TITLE: Fire and Life Safety Supervisor
INTRODUCTION BY: Jody Nolan
DATE: November 12th

Bio: Matt Speach serves as the Fire & Life Safety Supervisor within Emergency & Environmental Risk Services at Syracuse University, where he has led the university's fire and life safety inspection and prevention programs since 2013. In that role, he developed and implemented a data-driven Community Risk Reduction program built on multi-year campus alarm analysis, targeted student education initiatives, and cross-departmental collaboration with Housing, Facilities, and university leadership. Matt has been an active member of the Belgium Cold Springs Fire Department since 1999, serving in various officer roles including Chief of Department from 2017–2022, and currently serving on the Board of Fire Commissioners. He holds national certifications as a Fire Service Instructor I and II, is a NYS Certified Code Enforcement Officer, and has been an EMT since 2001.

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NAME: Doug Gazzale
TITLE: Firefighter
INTRODUCTION BY:
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Bio: Doug has spent the majority of his professional career focused on higher education fire safety, including serving in the fire service since 2002 and focusing on higher education fire safety since 2005. He has served in various fire safety roles throughout his career, including as a campus fire marshal, firefighter, fire chief, and fire investigator. Doug has worked in a variety of campus settings, including a large public research university, large private research university, small public college, and community college. He is interested in meeting the unique fire safety needs found in colleges and universities. The higher education environment presents many specialized considerations, including cutting edge research laboratories, large public assembly and sporting venues, as well as residential, healthcare, and business settings, which may not always easily fit within the typical constraints of the applicable codes and standards. This requires a unique approach to meet and exceed the requirements of the codes, while simultaneously ensuring a realistic and practical approach to ensuring the safety of the students, faculty, staff, and visitors on our campuses, given the unique overall environment that makes up our campuses. With a focus on communicating the "why" of code requirements and assisting with understanding of the need to comply with fire safety requirements, he works to ensure an improved fire safety culture on campus. Doug holds a Master of Communication Management degree from the University of Southern California, a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Maryland, College Park, and a paramedic certificate from Prince George's Community College.

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NAME: James Rainer
TITLE: Fire Marshal
INTRODUCTION BY:
DATE: November 12th

Bio: James serves as Director of Fire and Life Safety and University Fire Marshal for Texas A&M. As Director, his duties include overseeing the Fire and Life Safety (FLS) programs. James also served as a part-time faculty member in the Fire Science program at Blinn College for 29 years. He holds an AA degree in Education along with a BS in Construction Science and a MS in Construction Management, both from Texas A&M University. A Certified Building Inspector, Fire Inspector, and Plans Examiner and hold licenses as a Flame Effects Operator, Pyrotechnics Operators, and Pyrotechnics Special Effects Operator. Additionally, he serves on the University Police Department Training Advisory Board, and the Blinn College Fire Science Advisory Board.

As Fire Marshal, James responsibilities include all aspects of a campus fire safety program including coordinating plan review for all new construction and facility remodels, inspections, permitting all pyrotechnics, flame effects, and prescribed burns, assisting in the coordination of athletic and other special events on campus, overseeing fire safety education, as well as serving as the liaison between Texas A&M and our local fire departments and the State Fire Marshal's Office.

James holds an AA degree in Education along with a BS in Construction Science and a MS in Construction Management, both from Texas A&M University. He is a Certified Building Inspector, Fire Inspector, and Plans Examiner along with holding licenses as a Flame Effects Operator, Pyrotechnics Operators, and Pyrotechnics Special Effects Operator.

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NAME: Adam Chavarria
TITLE: Assistant Fire Marshal
INTRODUCTION BY:
DATE: November 12th

Bio: Adam Chavarria is an Assistant Fire Marshal with Texas A&M University's Environmental Health and Safety Department (EHS), where he has worked for 13 years. He holds Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) certifications as a Fire Inspector I, Fire Inspector II, and Plans Examiner, as well as ICC certifications as a Fire Inspector I, Fire Inspector II, and Fire Plans Examiner.

Adam oversees fire and life safety inspections and plan reviews for renovation and new construction projects, helping ensure code compliance throughout the Texas A&M University main campus in College Station, Texas. In addition, he manages the fire extinguisher program and is a member of the EHS Emergency Response Team. He has also served as a member of the U.S. Navy Reserve for 19 years.

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NAME: David Zeiger
TITLE: Assistant Fire Marshal
INTRODUCTION BY:
DATE: November 12th

Bio: Dave Zeiger began his full time Fire and Emergency Services career with the United States Navy as a shipboard firefighter in August of 1985. After a four-year duty tour, he left the USN and applied to the El Paso Fire Department. From April of 1990 through October of 2014, he served the EPFD in various roles; Firefighter, Fire Suppression Technician, Lieutenant, and finally as a Captain overseeing a Quint and Ambulance crew over 3 different shifts. Over his 24-year career with EPFD, he gained experience within the following areas: Fire Marshal/ Fire Prevention Division, assisting with the implementation of the International Fire Code; Training Captain at the EPFD Training Academy, overseeing the training and certification of Recruit classes, Pre-Certified Classes and veteran firefighter CE's; Fire Operations, working as firefighter, driver and eventually officer on Pumper and Aerial apparatus'. Dave also had the distinct privilege and honor of serving as the Department Chaplain, a CISM member, and head of the Fire Department Honor Guard.

In 2014, Dave retired from the EPFD to enhance his career in code enforcement with Texas A&M University as an Assistant Fire Marshal within the Fire & Life Safety area. He currently oversees implementation of the Fire Code for new construction and renovations on A&M properties. He is Head of Prevention at Texas A&M EHS through the Texas Commission on Fire Protection overseeing certifications and training for 10 TCFP certified Fire Inspectors. He is also an adjunct instructor in the Leadership Program at Texas Engineering Extension Service and part time instructor for the Fire Science Degree Program at Blinn College.

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NAME: Forrest Johnson
TITLE: Fire and Life Safety Manager
INTRODUCTION BY:
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Bio: NICET IV FAS, NICET II ITWBS, NICET II, SHS, NICET II ITFAS,NFPA CFAITMS, NFPA CSITMS, NFPA WBITMForrest Johnson Fire and Life Safety Manager for the University of Virginia. I have been in the fire protection industry for 20 years. I have been managing a team or more for the last 13 years. I am responsible for overseeing the fire and life safety tasks for the University of Virginia. Customers include a Hospital, Athletics, Academia, Research, and Housing. Our tasks include, Fire Extinguishers, Kitchen Hoods, Water- Based Suppression, Special Hazard Systems, Fire Alarm System Service and Install, and Code Required Detection and Suppression Inspections. Father of 3 and a Husband to an amazing wife.