

# North Carolina Fire Marshal's Association

## Committee Reports

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The NCFMA Educational Committee met virtually for the third quarter on July 10, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by Tony Smart, Chair at 0903 AM. Those in virtual attendance were, Jeff Johnson, Charles Johnson, Charles Eldridge, Robert McSorley, Robert Carmon, Justin McLaurin, Tim Henshaw, and Eric Wiseman (check in).

Charles Johnson with OSFM provided an update(s) from the Code Consultation Division of OSFM. He had made contacts with the American Wood Council and Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition to assist with training at the FLSE Conference in Concord Feb. 28 thru March 1, 2024. He is awaiting confirmation regarding these classes.

Jeff Johnson with OSFM provided current information on the Fire Marshal 101 Class. A train-the-trainer session will be held in Fayetteville August 22-24, 2023. This class will be delivered regionally in "piloted" sessions beginning in the Fall of 2023 at present. The total number of hours for these classes is to be determined.

Jeff discussed additional responsibilities that will be undertaken regarding fire inspection schedules in the state. At present, there will be the need to gather data, and not audit for enforcement. Jurisdictions will be contacted to assist with this effort.

A discussion was held regarding the posting of information on the NCFMA website, with current information shared regarding those responsible for these posts. Chris Wells (along with Justin McLaurin and Ronnie Privette) has agreed to handle the public side of the website, and Thomas Raper continues to handle the private side.

### **NCFMA Fall Continuing Education Opportunities to Date**

9/20/2023 **ICC High Piled Combustible Storage** – Need to push registration/marketing

Chatham County Agricultural and Convention Center

(\*\*23 registered as of today – 8 seated)

(Facebook posts and emails will be completed to continue this effort)

(**BUILDING** or FIRE Con Ed credit(s) will be given)

10/27/2023 **Proximity Fireworks Class** – Town of Winterville Fire-Rescue-EMS Dept.

2593 Railroad St.,

Winterville, NC

11/03/2023 **Proximity Fireworks Class** – City of Hickory

Winkler Park Community Building

2500 Clement Blvd NW

Hickory, NC 28601

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A discussion was held on virtual versus seated classes and it was continued that virtual be offered in select circumstances depending upon the logistics, and the availability of the equipment being set up and operated. This will be an ongoing effort, with the understanding that all classes may not be offered virtually.

### Additional Topics/Options for Fall 2023 / Spring 2024 **Dates to be Announced**

Sprinkler Plan Review Class - Tom Bender  
Facilitating Change at the Building Code Council - Jason Shepard  
2024 Fire Code Update(s) – (Fall of 2024)  
ISO Water Supply - Jerry Coble  
Fire Alarm Review - Travis Crabtree  
UL ERCES Update - Todd Jaeger  
Bobby Carmon & Company – BDA Review  
Wood Frame Construction Updates-(American Wood Council & C. Johnson)  
Cannabis Extraction-(NFPA)  
Existing Building Codes – (Blake Holloman working on this)

More Specialized Classes and Fewer Offerings were confirmed as the focus during the meeting

FLSE Conference Feb. 28-March 1, 2024 / NCFMA Participation - Wood Frame Construction and Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition Classes scheduled for the conference

A discussion was held regarding the potential purchase of a different video streaming system that is more user friendly. This would involve a board decision, and it will be brought up at the next board meeting for discussion.

Charlie Johnson brought up a ERCES Class will be presented by Alan Perdue of the Safer Buildings Coalition on November 2, 2023 in Greensboro, at a location to be announced. Con. Ed. credit will be awarded for this class.

The fourth quarter meeting of the NCFMA Educational Committee will be held on October 23, 2023 at 0900 virtually via Microsoft Teams. More information will be forthcoming regarding classes and our efforts to offer quality education to the membership. Meeting was adjourned at 0955 hrs.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Tony Smart, Chair  
Education Committee NCFMA