



## NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

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Dear Building Official:

On behalf of Jim Pauley and the National Fire Protection Association, you are cordially invited to attend the 2024 Building Official Forum December 3-5 in Quincy, Massachusetts at NFPA's Headquarters.

Building officials are an important part of NFPA's Fire and Life Safety Ecosystem. As fire and life safety professionals, you use many NFPA codes and standards, including over 60 referenced in your building code. This event promises informative and engaging sessions with our regional directors, subject-matter experts, and technical teams about issues that face building departments across the U.S. and Canada. This Forum will be a great opportunity to discuss issues with your peers and bring information on hot topics to your board and members.

NFPA will provide transportation, lodging, and most meals as detailed below. We have a full agenda planned (see below) with the objective of re-engaging since our last Building Official Forum. We are anxious to learn from you about the issues you face and how we might be able to help you.

**Invited:** As the current president of your building official association, you are receiving this invitation. Our hope is that the sitting president in November will be able to attend the Forum representing your state/province. If the sitting president is unable to attend, another member from your Board of Directors (or your association Executive Director) may attend instead. A building official from each Canadian Province/Territory and each U.S. State has been invited to attend.

**RSVP:**

If you are planning to attend or not, please RSVP to your NFPA Regional Director (see list below) by August 16. Those attending will then receive a confirmation email with instructions on how to register for the event. The automated registration process will address accessibility needs, food restrictions, arrival/departure dates, personal extended dates and how to make travel arrangements.

**Travel Arrangements:** Plan on traveling into Boston on Tuesday, December 3 for the reception at 5:30 p.m., and departing on Thursday, December 5 not earlier than 3:00 p.m.



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Roundtrip airfare to Boston/Logan International Airport (BOS) will be provided for you by NFPA only through our in-house travel agency. Once registered for the event, you will receive information on how to book your travel.

NFPA will cover hotel room and tax for arriving Tuesday, December 3 and departing Thursday, December 5, and will be paid through a direct bill to NFPA. You will be responsible for the incidentals for those nights. If you stay extra nights, you will be responsible for those extra nights and tax. We will reserve your room at the Marriott in Quincy based on your arrival/departure dates indicated in your registration information. Hotel confirmation will be provided a week or 10 days prior to the Forum.

Ground transportation from BOS to the Marriott and back to BOS will be on your own. Ride share services are readily available and convenient. NFPA will provide a stipend gift card to defray your estimated costs. Transportation between the hotel and NFPA headquarters will be provided by NFPA.

**Safety:** The Marriott is a fully sprinklered hotel with modern fire protection and alarm technology. Your NFPA Regional Director will be your local contact if you have any questions, issues, or need assistance. Their contact information is listed below.

We are looking forward to seeing you at NFPA Headquarters. We value your time and appreciate your consideration of this event. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to your Regional Director or contact me.

**Next Step:** RSVP to your Regional Director by August 16 with the attendee's name and email address.

Take care,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RBizal'.

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## **NFPA Building Official Forum Draft Agenda**

### **Tuesday, December 3**

5:30 p.m. Reception and Dinner, Quincy Marriott

### **Wednesday, December 4:**

7:30 a.m. Departure via to NFPA Headquarters

- Breakfast provided at NFPA
- NFPA Welcome and Update
- NFPA and Building Safety
- The Fire & Life Safety Ecosystem
- NFPA's Codes and Standards Making Process
- Fire Protection Research Foundation Update on Building Safety Research
- Hot Topics in Building Safety

12:00 p.m. Lunch

- Training & Certification Update
- NFPA LiNK – More Efficient and Effective Code Compliance
- Codes & Standards Incorporation by Reference: A Public Private Partnership
- Supporting Implementation of NFPA Codes & Standards
- Regional Breakout Sessions

4:30 p.m. Shuttle Service to Hilton Boston/Dedham Hotel - Dinner with Regional Directors

### **Thursday, December 5:**

7:30 a.m. Departure via to NFPA Headquarter

- Breakfast at NFPA Headquarters
- Regional Directors Report from Breakout Session
- NFPA 915 – Remote Inspections
- Multi-Story Means of Egress
- Fire Safety Data Analytics
- NFPA Electrical Inspection Activities

12:00 Lunch at NFPA Headquarters

- 1:30 p.m. Forum concludes, depart for BOS