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SFPE: Qualified Engineers for adequate Fire Protection

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SFPE Mission

To define, develop, and advance the use of engineering **best practices**; expand the scientific and **technical knowledge** base; and **educate** the global fire safety community to reduce fire risk.

SFPE Vision

The leaders in engineering a fire safe world.



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SFPE support to Fire Engineers

- 1. Advocate for the Fire Engineering profession
- Ensure <u>core competencies</u> and key responsibilities are adopted by key stakeholders: RECOMMENDED MINIMUM CORE COMPETENCES
- Collaborate with other organizations: Participation and Alliances

2. Serve the education needs across the lifespan of the FPE/FSE professional's career.

3. Publications: Recognized guides and standards.



1. Advocate for FE in Europe: SFPE Minimum Core Competencies

 "A <u>Fire Protection Engineer</u> is an individual who, by formal training and professional experience, carries the necessary competency, and has the skills to provide guidance and direction to protect life, property and environment from threats posed by fire and its related mechanism."



1. Advocate for FE in Europe: SFPE Minimum Core Competencies

 "...The <u>recommended minimum technical competencies</u> are core to the practice of fire protection engineering and are obtained upon the completion of structured education in specific **knowledge and skill** areas, and accompanying applied **experience**."

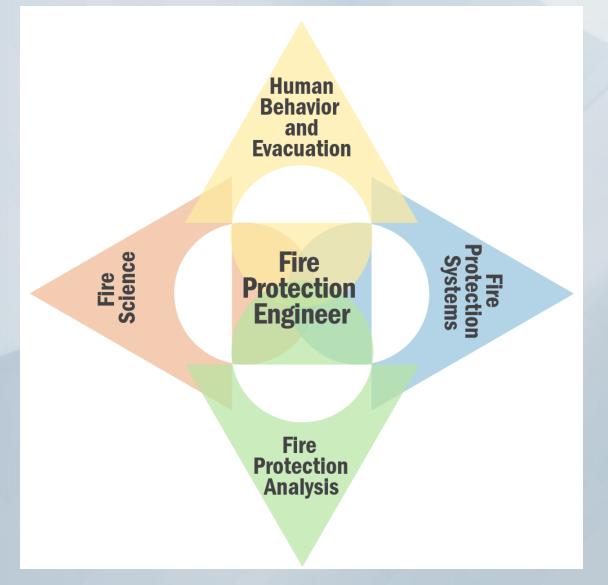
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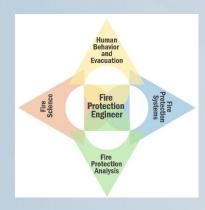
SFPE Minimum Core Competencies (continued)

Tier 1: Learning Skills	Tier 2: General Academics	Tier 3: Workplace Skills	Tier 4: Technical Knowledge Base	Tier 5: Fire Protection Knowledge Base
Professionalism Integrity Adaptability Reliability Lifelong Learning	Reading Writing Math Science Communication Computer Skills	Teamwork Organizing Creative Thinking Problem Solving Coordination	General Engineering Design Professional Ethics Economics Public Policy	Fire Science Human Behavior and Evacuation Fire Protection Systems Fire Safety Analysis









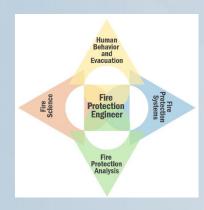
- Fire Science
- Underlying physical principles of fire and its related mechanisms
 - Heat Transfer
 - Fire Chemistry
 - Fire Dynamics





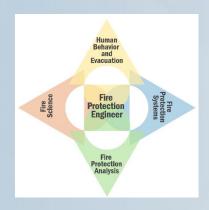
- Human behavior and evacuation
- Human behavior and the principles of means of egress design.
 - Human behavior and physiological response to fire
 - Egress and life safety design





- Fire Protection Systems
- Understanding of fire mitigation and the methods to do so
 - Passive Systems
 - Active Systems
 - Fire Detection and Alarm
 - Fire Suppression





- Fire Protection Analysis
- Principles of technical analysis related to fire protection design
 - Performance-Based Design
 - Smoke Management
 - Evacuation Analysis
 - Structural Fire Protection
 - Risk Management
 - Numerical Methods & Computer Fire Modeling
 - Building and Fire Regulations and Standards



Advocate: Participation and Alliances

European Commission + FIEP

Collaboration with Universities.

Collaboration with other associations









Alliance with other organizations









3. Continuing Education

 Must remain current with information and technology for fire protection engineering.

- Can be done through study and courses
 - Relevant training and research to keep skills sharp
 - Subjects need review in order to remain competent over the lifespan of a career



SFPE Educational Programs

- Webinars
- Seminars
- Conferences
 - ROMA, ITALY May 2020 Engineering Solutions for Cultural and Heritage Sites
 - Auckland, New Zealand- March 2020 PBD Conference.
 - Georgia, Atlanta October 2020 Annual Conference.
 - Berlin, Germany 2021 4th European Conference.
 - Paris, France 2022 International PBD Conference.



Educational Programs - Webinars

Presenter	Webinar	Date
Maria Fernandez-Vigil Iglesias	Fire Safety in dwellings occupied by elderly people. The Spanish case	9 September 2019
Lars Bostrom	Facade Fires - Recent Developments in Europe	16 September 2019
Matteo Pugnalin	"Intelligent Egress in a Historical Building	7 octobe 2019
Felipe Herrera	Structural Performance and Particularities of Multi-Story Intermodal Steel Container Structures at Elevated Temperatures	21 October 2019
Maria Lappano	Crowd Management and Control - Case Study For a Stadium Using Pedestrian Dynamics® Software	11 November 2019
Karl Wallasch	Design and Future Trends of High-Rise Residential Towers – A Comparison between UK and German Regulations	25 November 2019
Robert Jonsson	PERFORMANCE BASED DESIGN OF FIRE SAFETY IN HIGH-RISE TIMBER BUILDINGS	9 December 2019



4. SFPE - Trusted Resource

Research Roadmap

Emerging Trends and Technology Advances

Standards Development & Technical Documentation



Promote & Implement the Research Roadmap

Research Needs for the Fire Safety Engineering Profession		TOOL, APPLICATIONS, & METHODS				
		Data	Innovative Technology /Materials	Design Tools	Risk /Probabilistic Approaches	
THREADS	Human Behavior	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
	Building Fires	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
	Resilience/Sustainability	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
	Fire Service	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
	Fire Dynamics	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
	Fire Safety Systems	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
	Forensics/Investigations	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
	Wildland/WUI Fires	\checkmark	√	√	$\sqrt{}$	
	Non-Building Fires	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark		



Emerging Hazards, Products & Technologies Impacting Our Profession

- Building Materials (i.e. new construction materials, lightweight construction, external cladding systems, & tall timber buildings)
- Energy Storage
- Wildland Urban Interface Fires
- Alternate Detection
- Advances in Suppression System Technology (i.e. SMART Sprinklers, Storage commodities, automated storage and oxygen reduction systems)
- Computer Models
- BIM/BIS



Guides/Handbooks

Morgan Hurley Editor-in-Chief

SFPE Handbook of Fire Protection Engineering

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FIRE SAFETY FOR VERY TALL BUILDINGS

Society for Fire Protection Engineers

SFPE Guide to Human Behavior in Fire

Second Edition

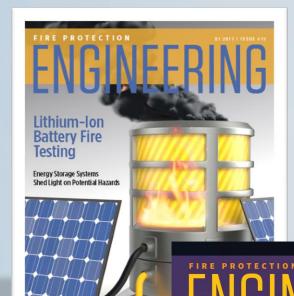


Springer





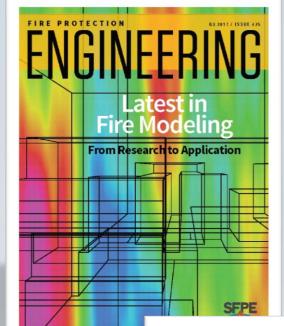
FPE Magazine

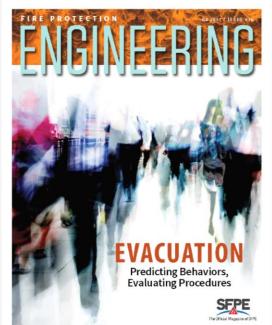


SMART Fire Safety Systems

Creating Safer, More Intelligent Buildings

A SMART Sprinkler for Highly Challenging Fires Smart Fire Fighting Occupant Profiles and High-Rise Evacuation Egress Using Stairs vs. Elevators











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