



Fire Inspectors Association of Indiana

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To: Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission
(via email: buildingcommission@dhs.in.gov)

RE: Building and Fire Code Committee membership recommendation

The Fire Inspectors Association of Indiana exists to promote and advocate for fire and life safety throughout the state of Indiana. To that end, we are grateful to see that the Commission is moving forward with plans to update the Building and Fire Codes in the state of Indiana.

As you no doubt are aware, the antiquated codes we have currently adopted create numerous issues on a daily basis. It is becoming increasingly difficult, if not impossible, to obtain quality training - the International Code Council, for example, no longer offers training on the 2012 model codes. Certifications for relevant topics (for example, ICC Fire Inspector I and II, Fire Plans Examiner, etc.) are only offered on the 2018 and 2021 model codes, requiring the Fire Inspector or Fire Marshal who wants to obtain these certifications to obtain and become familiar with a newer model code than they currently use in their day-to-day jobs. Newer technologies are introduced every day that are not covered in the older codes, and architects, engineers, and contractors are familiar with and already design and build buildings to the newer model codes.

For all of these reasons and more, we strongly encourage you to move forward with vigor on the code update process, and the Fire Inspectors Association of Indiana stands ready to assist in any way possible.

To that end, as a board, the FIAI has unanimously voted to recommend 3 FIAI members to serve on these code committees:

- **Joshua Frost, Assistant Chief, Zionsville Fire Department is recommended to serve on the Fire Prevention Code Update Committee as the Fire Official.**
- **Darrel Cross, Fire Marshal, Noblesville Fire Department is recommended to serve on the Building Code Update Committee as the Fire Official.**
- **Although our understanding is that all existing Electrical Code Committee members from the previous committee have been retained, it is our**



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recommendation that Randy Gulley of the Wayne Township Fire Department be retained on this committee as the Fire Official.

We strongly believe that these members have the knowledge, experience, and expertise to serve effectively on these committees. All have a lengthy history of involvement in code enforcement in Indiana and a history of volunteering for, and participating in previous state-wide committees and organizations, and we are confident they will be an asset to the committee.

In addition, the FIAI is committed to forming a "sub-committee" of individuals who will assist with research and code proposal development as these committees meet. The members recommended above will communicate regularly with the sub-committee to inform them of committee actions, and ways they can assist in the process.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

For a safer Indiana,

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