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Fire and Life Safety Committee Committee Annual Report

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Fire and Life Safety Committee Activities for 2010:

The committee recommended, and the CSFA Board of Directors confirmed the CSFA present the William Goss Award to Ronny J. Coleman. Chief Coleman has had a long and distinguished career in fire service with the area of fire and life safety being just one of his significant areas of contributions. Chief Coleman has been a supporter of fire and life safety activities most of his fire service career. He was the fire marshal for the Costa Mesa Fire Department. As fire chief for the City of San Clemente, he led the successful effort for a zero based fire sprinkler ordinance which is still in effect today. He also wrote the book "Alpha to Omega" about residential sprinklers. As the California State Fire Marshal, Chief Coleman led the fire and life safety efforts in the codes and code enforcement at the state level. Since retiring from the fire service, Chief Coleman has stayed active in the area of fire and life safety, leading the team that developed a virtual reality fire prevention training program for the line firefighter, which through a U.S. Fire Administration Grant was provided free to fire departments throughout the United States. Chief Coleman was active in the Fire Sprinkler Coalition that proposed the code change to place the requirement for sprinkler systems in the 2009 ICC International Residential Code which was passed by ICC membership in 2008 at the Minneapolis Final Code Hearings. Chief Coleman is a prolific writer, with many of his articles addressing issues related to fire and life safety.

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2. The CSFA was represented by Page Dougherty at the International Code Council's Final Action Hearings May of 2010. The Hearings were held in Dallas, TX where the core issue for fire and life safety were voted on, with the results ending up in the International Fire and Building Codes. The issue of sprinklering single family dwellings was discussed and placed into the International Residential Code as a construction requirement; to be effective in 2011. Another significant issue was that of fire department access into new communities that desire to be part of the new urbanism movement design of liveable / walkable streets with less street widths and traffic calming devices as part of the street design.

3. The committee has submitted articles for publication in the California Fire Service Magazine on issues related to fire and life safety that committee members thought would be of interest to association members. These included articles on the ICC Code Hearings and NFPA Technical Session and an article on battery powered candles.

4. Page Dougherty attended the NFPA Technical Session in Las Vegas, NV in June 2010 and the NFPA International Fire Marshals Association activities which occur at this meeting on behalf of the CSFA and the Fire and Life Safety Committee.

5. The legislative issue that is being discussed in 2010 and 2011 is carbon dioxide detectors

6. The committee meets just prior to the CSFA Conference at the California Fire Prevention Institute meeting each year, which is held in Buellton, CA during March. The agenda for this meeting establishes most of the proposed work to be completed each year.

Respectfully submitted:

Page Dougherty