

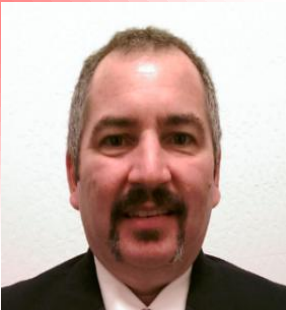
PADUCAH FIRE DEPARTMENT

14TH ANNUAL COMBINED CONFERENCE

INSTRUCTOR BIOS:



Warren Olsen has spent more than 50 years in fire protection. He is a retired Battalion Chief from the Hoffman Estates Fire Department which is located in suburban Chicago where he served for more than 30 years. Since 1979 he has also worked as a fire protection consultant. He is the past Vice President of Building and Life Safety Division for the consulting firm of Fire Safety Consultants, Inc. in suburban Chicago. After retiring he continues to work as a Senior Fire and Life Safety Consultant for FSCI. Warren is a Certified Fire Protection Specialist and a Certified Building Code Official. Warren is a past chairperson and current principal member of NFPA 72, Chapter 26, Technical Committee on Supervising Station Alarm Systems for NFPA 72, and serves on NFPA 72, Chapter 18, Notification Appliances, NFPA 3 and NFPA 4. He has been a contributor to several editions of the NFPA 72 Handbook and the NFPA Fire Protection Handbook. He teaches National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code and Water-Based Sprinkler System Inspection seminars nationally and internationally for NFPA.



Jeff Fecteau represents UL Solutions Codes and Regulatory Services as a Senior Regulatory Engineer. Jeff enlisted in the US Army as a Combat Engineer and when he returned home to Phoenix, enrolled and graduated from Career One Technical Training Corporation as a Construction Electrician. In 1998 Jeff was hired by the City of Peoria, AZ, as a Combination Dwelling Inspector and within one year was promoted to Senior Electrical Inspector. In 2006, Jeff started working for the City of Bloomington, IL, as a Building Inspector III. Jeff then accepted the position of NEMA Midwest Field Representative in 2007, and in 2008 accepted a position with UL as a Staff Engineer Associate. In 2013 was promoted to Senior Regulatory Engineer and in 2018, Jeff was inducted into the UL Distinguished Member of Technical Staff in the William Henry Merrill Society. Jeff has been very active with the International Association of Electrical Inspectors (IAEI) since becoming a member in 1995. After serving as the President for the Central Arizona Chapter of IAEI in 2002 Jeff became the Education Chairperson for the Central Arizona Chapter and maintained that position until he relocated to Central, Illinois in 2006. Jeff has also been very active in Education and Electrical Safety since 1998. He taught electrical codes for Glendale Community College, Glendale, AZ. and Gateway Community College, Phoenix, AZ, for eight years, the 2nd year apprenticeship program for the Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC) in Phoenix for four years, as well as numerous seminars for the Central Arizona Chapter of IAEI, the Arizona Building Officials (AZBO), Phoenix Chapter of Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC) and the Phoenix Chapter of American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI). Jeff has provided training to inspector and contractor organizations, including 8 years as an adjunct faculty instructor at two community colleges. Jeff has been involved with IREC, NREL, Solar 3.0, SolarAPP+ and the International Association of Electrical Inspectors as an instructor on code compliant PV installations as well as an SME for the development of presentations such as the PVOT program. Jeff has authored several technical papers that address code compliant installations of PV equipment such as inverters and PV rapid shutdown systems. Currently Jeff represents UL as a Code Panel Member for the National Electrical Code (NEC) on CMP 8 (previously a member of CMP 9), IAPMO on the Uniform Solar Energy and Hydronics Code, as well as on NFPA 70B (Standard for Electrical Equipment Maintenance). Jeff is currently approved as a CEU accredited instructor in Arizona, Texas, Minnesota, Louisiana, Michigan, Florida, South Carolina and North Carolina. Jeff has been recognized by UL and inducted into the society of Distinguished Members of Technical Staff. Jeff is a Certified Building Official (CBO), Certified Electrical Code Official (ECO) and currently maintains twenty-three International Code Council (ICC) inspection certifications and two IAEI electrical inspection certifications.



Jon Nisja is a Fire Protection and Data Specialist with the National Fire Sprinkler Association (NFSA). Prior to working for NFSA, Jon served as a fire marshal since 1985. He is the past president of both the Fire Marshals Association of Minnesota and the International Fire Marshals Association.

Mike Dalton retired from the Knox County Sheriff's Office after 32 years of service. He also served as the Director of the Bomb and Arson Section of the Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office. He started his career in the U.S. Air Force as a Security Police officer May 1975 till August 1979. After leaving the Air Force he started with the Knox County Sheriff's Office as a correctional officer and certified officer, from 1979 till May 1985. In May of 1985 he was assigned to the Knox County Fire Marshal's Office as Fire Investigator. He has worked as a lead or assisted in over 2500 fires in Knox County and assisted other agencies in complex fire investigations during his 25 years with the Sheriff's Office. Mike presently works as an investigator with Forensic Investigations Group and is a Certified Fire Investigator, Certified Instructor and Evidence Collection Technician through the International Association of Arson Investigators. Mike has instructed at the Knox County Sheriff's Office Training Academy, The Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy and the Tennessee Fire School and Tennessee Fire Service and Code Enforcement Academy on a regular basis in Fire and Arson related fields. Mike has taught as an adjunct instructor for National Fire Academy field courses on Arson Detection. He was an adjunct instructor with the National Forensic Academy located at the University of Tennessee, instructing in Forensic Fire Scene Investigations, from 2003 to 2014. He has instructed at International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI), chapter meetings in Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Nebraska, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin, Virginia as well as the Canadian Province of New Brunswick, Dubai, UAE. He instructed at the IAAI Annual Training Conference in Las Vegas, NV in 2011, on topics from Origin and Cause to Fire Patterns and Documentation. Mike is also a vetted instructor for the IAAI 40-hour Fundamentals class. Mike served as a member of the Board of Directors for the International Association of Arson Investigators from 2007 to 2013; he has served as President of the TN Chapter International Association of Arson Investigators in 2003 and as a director. He served as President for two terms 1996 and 1997 of the Tennessee Advisory Committee on Arson as well as a director. He is still actively involved in these organizations. Mike has been married to Kathy Dalton for 44 years, a retired Grant Coordinator at the University of Tennessee. Son, David is a Master Sargent with the U.S. Air Force. Mike enjoys fly fishing, hunting, golf, and the outdoors.



Jim Gault – IAAI-CFI, IAAI-ECT, MIAAI Mr. Gault is the owner and Principal Fire Investigator at TechniFire Services Company, located in Chattanooga, TN. After dedicating 40 years to public safety, he recently retired, having served in both law enforcement and fire service roles. He possesses multiple professional certifications from the International Association of Arson Investigators and is recognized as a Pro Board Certified Fire Investigator. Mr. Gault is an active participant in the Tennessee Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators, where he has held various positions, including Chapter President. Recently, he was elected to the Board of Directors of the International Association. In addition to his investigative work, Mr. Gault frequently serves as an instructor and course facilitator for the IAAI, the Tennessee Chapter, and the State of Tennessee Fire and Codes Academy. His expertise has led him to present training sessions in several states across the United States and internationally.

Don Newberry -Construction career

- Mid 1970's — draftsman – laborer for contractor and obtained associate's degree in architecture from Lexington Technical Institute
- 1978 – Started with KY State Government as plans reviewer in State Fire Marshal's Office Section, which later became BCE
- 1988 – Office Supervisor for BCE
- 1989 - Field construction owners' representative for Hemana Hospital Construction Division
- 1991 – Returned to DHBC as a Plan Reviewer
- 1997 – Construction Management with Department of Juvenile Justice
- 2007 – Retired from DJJ – Rejoined DHBC
- 2014 – Retired from DHBC
- 2021 – Present – Technical Advisor / Supervisor for DHBC



Michael J. Ventola, CFPS With more than four decades of experience in the life safety industry, Michael Ventola is a highly respected professional recognized for his broad and deep expertise across multiple life safety disciplines. His career spans senior roles with leading systems integrators and major fire alarm equipment manufacturers, where he has consistently demonstrated progressive leadership and strategic insight. Mr. Ventola served as Business Development Manager for Space Age Electronics from 2013 to 2023, with responsibility for the Southeast Region. In 2024, he was appointed Head of Industry Relations and Acting Director for the company. He is an active Principal member on several NFPA Technical Committees, including Smoke Management Systems (NFPA 92 and NFPA 204), NFPA 461, and NFPA 780, and was recently appointed as a Principal on

both NFPA 1 and NFPA 72. In addition to his industry leadership, Mr. Ventola is a Certified Fire Protection Specialist (CFPS) and has previously completed all requirements for NICET Level IV in Fire Alarm Systems and NICET Level II in Special Hazards. His commitment to professional advancement and community engagement is further reflected in his service as VP and former Board Member for the Florida Chapter of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE), Board Member AFAA National and CCFS membership committee.



Kristen Krueger is not your typical attorney; she's a force committed to the defense of communities, municipalities, and local government entities. With a focus on civil litigation, Kristen specializes in defending these entities, their elected officials, and employees in constitutional, employment, negligence, and tort claims. Her expertise is essential in cases under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, covering a broad spectrum of issues, including use of force, equal protection, due process, discrimination, and harassment. Kristen is well-versed in the immunities available to governmental entities and their officials. She takes pride in representing her clients at every stage of litigation, from pre-suit investigations to appeals. Beyond the courtroom, Kristen is a trusted advisor to local public entities. She provides invaluable counsel on regulatory compliance, employee discipline, constitutional matters, and enforcement, helping her clients

manage diverse legal landscapes. In recent years, Kristen has played a crucial role in the world of code enforcement and fire departments. She often addresses local code enforcement meetings and is the go-to attorney for cities facing imminent demolition issues. She excels in navigating the complexities of regulatory compliance, 4th Amendment concerns, fire prevention regulations, and local codes and ordinances. Integrity is the foundation of Kristen's practice. She never cuts corners, always prioritizing ethics and professionalism. If she believes a client doesn't have a case, she won't take the work, knowing it would do more harm than good. Kristen's clients appreciate her responsiveness, thoroughness, and tireless work ethic. What sets her apart is her administrative acumen, allowing her to understand legal matters not just from a litigation perspective but also administratively, preventing issues before they escalate. She's not just a problem solver; she presents her clients with well-informed options. Kristen is a relentless advocate for justice, a valued asset to her community, and a true embodiment of legal excellence.



Chief Gary West brings more than 45 years of fire service experience in leadership, operations, training, and administration at the local, state, and national levels. His distinguished career includes serving as Fire Chief of Gatlinburg, Tennessee; Tennessee State Fire Marshal and Deputy Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance; and Chief Deputy of the National Association of State Fire Marshals. Throughout his career, Chief West has focused on developing leaders, strengthening fire service organizations, advancing firefighter safety, and improving training. He currently serves as President of Chief West Strategies, Southeast Regional Sales Manager for Symtech Fire, and President of the Tennessee Firemen's Association. Drawing on decades of real-world leadership experience, Chief West brings practical lessons, personal experiences, and an engaging approach to the challenges facing today's fire service leaders.