

## Program Descriptions

### Partnering With the Fire Service

Sarah E. Chaffee, ISO  
Field Representative

Community Hazard Mitigation  
This presentation will provide an overview of How to prepare your agency when working with achieving and ISO rating. Having a good foundation when preparing will make the process easy while being able to track and update upgrades your agency can qualify for to benefit your community.

### NFPA 30 Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code Past Present and Future

John LeBlanc, FM Global  
Staff VP and Senior Engineering  
Technical Specialist, FM Global

The application of NFPA 30, Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code, is not easy and enforcement is not consistent. Attendees will hear about an attempt to simplify the code by aligning liquid classifications to hazards instead of holding to terminology that has multiple definitions. If the hazard is used as the driving element in setting the requirements, there is an opportunity to begin simplifying the code to hopefully achieve greater enforcement.

### A look at the Means of Egress

Joe Versteeg, Principal  
Versteeg Associates, LLC  
Torrington, CT

A look at common problems and misunderstandings in a means of egress. This program will be a good review for the experienced or new code official.

### Accelerant K-9 Use in Fire Investigation

This program will show the various fire scenes a K-9 can be used to aid in your fire investigations.

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# New England Association of Fire Marshals

## Educational Seminar Annual Meeting



March 23, 2023  
The Calabrese Club  
28 Pleasant Street  
Westerly, RI 02891

**Speakers**

**John A. LeBlanc**

John LeBlanc is a Staff Vice President and Senior Engineering Technical Specialist within the Chief Engineer’s group of FM Global. John has been with FM Global for 36 years. John is responsible for the development and updating of FM Global’s Property Loss Prevention Data Sheets on ignitable liquid handling/storage, aerosol products, explosion protection systems, and provides support to all of the special hazard subject matter experts who handle combustible dust standards, flammable gas standards, hazardous chemical standards and special protection systems. In addition, he works with Research to support the development of research programs to understand and protect client scenarios. John received a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from Case Western Reserve University and a Master of Science in Fire Protection Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He serves on eleven National Fire Protection Association committees responsible for ignitable (flammable and/or combustible) liquids (30), aerosol products (30B), finishing processes (33/34), explosion protection systems (67/68/69), static electricity (NFPA 77), the correlating committee for NFPA 13, and the correlating committee on combustible dusts. John is a member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers and the Society of Fire Protection Engineers.

**Joseph Versteeg**

Joseph H. Versteeg is currently the Principal at Versteeg Associates LLC. Joseph is part of Versteeg Associates LLC since January 1994. Formerly, Joseph was the Commanding Officer at Connecticut State Fire Marshall's Office. Joseph is a NFPA-certified Certified Fire Protection Specialist.

**Conference Program**

**Thursday March 23, 2023**

- 8:30 am **Registration**
- 9:00 am **Accelerant K-9 Use in Fire Investigations**  
Jeffery Bellavance  
CT State Police  
Fire Explosive Investigation Unit
- 10:00 am **Break /State Caucus**
- 10:15 am **NFPA 30 Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code Past Present and Future**  
John LeBlanc, FM Global  
Staff VP and Senior Engineering Technical Specialist  
FM Global
- 12:15 pm **Lunch**
- 12:45 pm **NEAFM Annual Meeting**
- 1:00 pm **ISO Presentation – Partnering with the Fire Service**  
Sarah E. Chaffee  
Field Representative  
Community Hazard Mitigation
- 2:00 pm **Break**
- 2:15 pm **A look at the Means of Egress**  
Joe Versteeg, Principal  
Versteeg Associates, LLC  
Torrington, CT 06790
- 4:30 pm **End of Day**

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