

SCFA Offers Free Virtual Workshop: Accreditation – Facts & Myths

The South Carolina Fire Academy is hosting a free *virtual* workshop centered around the value and process of earning fire department accreditation through the Commission on Fire Accreditation International.

Achieving international fire department accreditation through the Center for Public Safety Excellence is a long journey for any fire department. The most common fears tend to be centered around money and time.

Learn from experienced accreditation managers as they sort through common myths about the accreditation process, provide facts, and answer questions. Segments include knowing when you're ready to start the process, managing the extra accreditation work, and anticipating and overcoming obstacles.

To encourage active participation, attendance is limited. If you are an accreditation manager, be prepared to share advice. If your department is on the path to accreditation, or it's in your long-term plan, here's your chance to ask questions. Other attendees can learn about self-assessment tools and how they can better your fire department, even without the third party verification.

Attendance Details

Friday, Oct. 30, 2020

8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Virtual event—attendees will receive an agenda and access link prior to the event.

Direct Registration Link: 6508-21-001

<https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=70746>

Note: Students who are pre-registered, and attend the workshop, receive SCFA transcript credit. If you are unable to attend the live event, it will be recorded and posted for viewing at your convenience. However, if viewing the recorded workshop, SCFA transcript credit is not available.

About the Speakers

Stephanie Julazadeh is the Deputy Chief of Professional Standards and the accreditation manager for the North Charleston Fire Department. She manages accreditation, safety and health, public education, fire investigations, and public information. She has 18 years of suppression experience, working dual roles as a firefighter, driver, and officer on shift and performing accreditation work either on-duty or off-duty. Stephanie has a Bachelor's Degree in Fire and Safety Engineering Technology and a Master's Degree in Safety, Security, and Emergency Management from Eastern Kentucky University. She is credentialed as a Chief Fire Officer, a Commission on Fire Accreditation International Peer Assessor, coordinator for the South Carolina Fire Service Improvement Group, Fire Officer II, Fire Instructor, Incident Safety Officer, and Hazardous Materials Technician. She has presented on accreditation topics at local, state, and national conferences.



Karl Ristow is currently with the Center for Public Safety Excellence as Program Director for the Commission on Fire Accreditation International. He has over 38 years of fire service experience having served as firefighter through fire chief. Karl is a retired United States Air Force fire officer having served throughout the world in defense of his country. Karl holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration, a Bachelor's Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies, and Associate Degrees in Fire Science and Instructor of Technology. He is a graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program. He is also a Chief Fire Officer Designee through the Commission on Professional Credentialing and a Member of the Institute of Fire Engineers. Karl is married to his wife Barbara and they have 5 sons.



Questions? Contact [Amy Williamson](#).