

Memorandum of Understanding
between
The Society of Fire Protection Engineers
and
The National Society of Professional Engineers

1. PARTIES

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is intended to establish a framework for cooperation between the Society of Fire Protection Engineers ("SFPE"), 7315 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 620E, Bethesda, MD 20814, a not-for-profit professional society of fire protection engineers and designers, and the National Society of Professional Engineers ("NSPE"), 1420 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 (collectively "the Parties").

2. AUTHORITIES

The Executive Director of SFPE and the Executive Director of NSPE will be the primary contacts for this MOU. Other staff members of the Parties may also be involved in this effort on a secondary level, upon approval of the primary contacts.

3. PURPOSE

The purpose of this MOU is to provide a mechanism for cooperation between the Parties through a voluntary exchange of information on common educational, technical, scientific, legislative and regulatory matters that affect the fire protection/safety engineering and other engineering professions.

The Parties intend to create an organized and systematic approach for a sharing of information between their respective organizations on these topics through the exchange of publications, memorandums and materials from their individual association endeavors as well as from an exchange of learning from association conferences, educational forums, industry meetings, exhibitions, seminars, site visits and other related undertakings sponsored or attended by each of the Parties.

4. MUTUAL INTEREST OF THE PARTIES

The Parties believe that the rapid changes in technologies and regulatory standards/codes creates a need among the members of their respective organizations for increased awareness of education regarding the emerging technical, scientific, legislative and regulatory developments in the world marketplace.

Both organizations share as part of their mission the dissemination of educational information and expertise to their members to enhance the acceptance of the engineering profession with the principal goal of providing and expanding opportunities for consumers to have safe, efficient and affordably designed fire protection systems. This MOU will facilitate these worthwhile activities; while promoting professional licensure and ethics.

5. EXPECTED RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

The Parties expect to:

- ❖ Exchange invitations to their respective association conferences.
- ❖ Work cooperatively in promoting the engineering profession and the need for professional engineering licensure and certification programs.
- ❖ Promote educational and training opportunities provided by both parties to each party's respective membership.
- ❖ Work cooperatively in supporting engineering organizations for maintaining a NCEES Professional Engineer licensing examination focused on fire protection/safety engineering and design.
- ❖ Support and publicize educational seminars that promote ethical application of professional engineering skills.
- ❖ Work jointly in promoting the image of professional engineering and its ethical responsibilities to the public.
- ❖ Interact on other activities that the two organizations deem appropriate in the future.

The Parties anticipate developing a work plan to identify specific events and activities to achieve the purposes of this MOU.

6. APPORTIONMENT OF COSTS

This MOU does not obligate any funds by either SFPE or NSPE. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing and signed by the Parties, each Party will bear its own costs of its efforts under this MOU.



7. PERIOD OF MOU AND MODIFICATION / TERMINATION

This MOU will take effect upon signature of the Parties as indicated by the date below. The Parties will review this MOU at least once per year to consider whether it should be continued, revised or cancelled. Either Party may terminate this MOU upon written notice stating the date of termination delivered to the other Party at least 10 days prior to the intended date of termination.

Entered into this 7th of April, 2014.

Society of Fire Protection Engineers

National Society of Professional Engineers

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Nicole Testa Boston, CAE
Executive Director

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Mark J. Golden, FASAE, CAE
Executive Director