

PFD 12th Annual Combined Conference Instructor Bios:



Jonathan Dougherty is the Education Director / License Manager who works with Amteck LLC to administrate and execute all tasks within the apprenticeship program / and taking care of license issues for the company which includes obtaining licenses and training employees to become licensed in multiple states.

Specific to KY:

- Current Chair of the Bluegrass Area Workforce Board
- Former Chair of KY Apprenticeship Council
- Member of KY Workforce and Education Council

- Advisor to CTE in KY and the TRACK Program
- Master trainer with IEC (Lexington)
- Master trainer with ABC (Lexington)
- Teach Exam Preps, and Pre-Apprenticeship programs in KY.
- Contractor, Master, and Inactive Inspector
- 35+ years in the trade, 25+ years teaching the NEC.

Outside of KY:

- Holder of over 100 licenses as Contractor / Master or Qualifier across the nation
- Holding licenses in 48 of the 50 states (not licensed in HI, and RI)
- Member of NWTN Workforce Board
- #1 State Certified Pre-Apprenticeship program in TN.
- Representing a company (Amteck) working in 40 states
- Research state laws constantly due to working in the multiple states.
- Teach Exam Preps for our employees for any state exam they wish to take.
- Teach NEC based trainings for our employees across the USA.



James "Robby" Dawson is the Southeastern Regional Director for the National Fire Protection Association. In that position he advocates for fire safety, code development and adoption, and conducts presentations nationally on topics associated with Community Risk Reduction, standards and regulations, leadership, emergency operations, and management. Robby is a 32 year veteran of the Chesterfield (Virginia) Fire and EMS Department where he served as an Assistant Chief of the Community Risk Reduction Branch. His responsibilities included the management of the fire marshals office, public education section, community relations, media and public affairs officers, and the county's Emergency Management Office. He has served on a number of boards and national codes development committees including Virginia's Fire

Services Board, the International Fire Marshals Board of Directors, the International Code Council's Means of Egress Committee, and a number of NFPA Technical Committees. He holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Richmond in Emergency Services Management, a Masters degree in Business Administration from Virginia Commonwealth University, and is an Accredited Chief Fire Officer by the Center for Public Safety Excellence.



Ron Ritchey began his career with the National Fire Sprinkler Association in 2016 after retiring from the Lafayette Fire Department (Indiana) with 23 years of service, sixteen of those years as Assistant Chief of the Fire Prevention Bureau. He currently provides membership services for five states in the Great Lakes Region and develops and provides NFSA training seminars for code officials, code consultants, building owners, and design professionals throughout the country. Mr. Ritchey holds numerous state and national certifications, and his formal education includes earning an Associate's Degree in Public Safety and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management. Ron currently serves on several technical committees including the International Code Council's Fire Code Interpretation Committee (ICC-FCIC); the following National Fire Protection Association Committees- NFPA 1 Fire Code-Special Equipment, Processes, and

Hazardous Materials (FCC-HAZ); NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, Residential Occupancies (SAF-RES); and NFPA 5000

Building Code, Building Code, Residential (BLD-RES). Ron is a member of the National Fire Protection Association, the International Code Council, numerous Fire Chief and Fire Inspector associations, and is a Certified Fire Protection Specialist (CFPS).



Brian Biggs is the Southeast Regional Manager for the National Fire Sprinkler Association (NFSA). Brian has been with the NFSA since 2018 and serves in several rolls within the association. Brian has been in the Fire Service for 29 years and has served from Firefighter to Deputy Fire Chief at the Ashland City Fire Department in Tennessee, where he still serves as the Assistant Chief. In 2001 Brian was a very instrumental part in Ashland City adopting a Zero square foot Sprinkler Ordinance that is still in effect today. Brian has served on the Volunteer & Career side of the Fire Department. Brian is still very active in the fire service in TN he is currently the Vice President of the TN Fire Chiefs Association, Chairman of the TN Commission on Firefighting Personnel Standards & Education & Chairman of the Cheatham County 911 Communications District. Brian still resides in his hometown in Tennessee.



Warren Olsen has spent more than 48 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. Currently, he is a senior Building and Life Safety Consultant for the consulting firm of Fire Safety Consultants which is located in Elgin, IL. Warren is a Certified Fire Protection Specialist and a Certified Building Code Official. Warren is the past chairperson of Chapter 26, Technical Committee on Supervising Station Alarm Systems for NFPA 72, and also serves on Chapter 18, Notification Appliances, NFPA 3 and NFPA 4. He teaches National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code and Water-Based Sprinkler System Inspection seminars nationally and internationally for NFPA.



Chief Justin Brooks is an 18-year veteran of the Bowling Green Fire Department in Bowling Green, KY. He holds a Bachelor's degree from Western Kentucky University and an Associate's degree in Fire Science from Columbia Southern University. He holds a Chief Fire Officer designation from the Commission on Professional Credentialing and has recently been appointed Sergeant at Arms for the Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs. He was awarded the 2024 Career Chief of the Year by the Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs and serves on their Health & Safety Committee. In his time away from the firehouse, Chief Brooks serves as a youth minister at Oakland Baptist Church and coaches multiple youth sports in the community.



Raaf Stevens has a BSCE and MSCE from Purdue University. He is from Evansville, Indiana. He began his career in 1984 designing wood trusses for a metal truss plate manufacturing company in California. He moved back to Evansville and worked as a structural engineer and then as a truss manufacturing company manager before finally going to work for Project Associates in 1992. There he designed structures and equipment for industrial clients. He became a partner in 2012 and retired in 2023. He is a registered structural engineer in Illinois and Georgia and has a professional engineering license in 10 other states. He took the Structures Specialist 1 course in October of 2023 and the Structures Specialist 2 in May of 2024.



Russell "Rusty" Scaggs has over 23 years in the plumbing and mechanical fields and holds a Kentucky Masters and Journeyman License as well as an Ohio Contractors License. Scaggs has also held a backflow certification and was certified in med-gas installation and braising. For the past five years, Scaggs has been working in the process piping area for Proctor & Gamble, Johnson Controls, and B.A.S.F. as a Piping Foreman for E.G.C. Construction. Prior to that, Scaggs focused primarily on multi-family residential, single-family residential, and light commercial plumbing. At one time, Scaggs owned his own plumbing company and employed

three to eight Journeyman and Apprentice Plumbers. In a Lead and Foreman Position, Scaggs has ran crews of two to over fifteen personnel. Scaggs has been employed for the past 18 months by Rheem Manufacturing as the Regional Plumber Support Manager for the Great Lakes region.



Joseph Wages, Jr., is the Director of Education with IAEI. Previously he held the positions of Technical Advisor, Education, Codes and Standards and Seminar Coordinator at IAEI. He represents IAEI on NFPA's NEC Code Making Panel-14 for the 2026 NEC. He previously represented IAEI on NFPA's NEC Code Making Panel-2 for the 2020 and 2023 NEC code cycles and NFPA's NEC Code Making Panel-3 for the 2014 and 2017 NEC. He serves on the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) Electrical Council and on several UL Technical Standard Panels. Joseph continues to hold state electrical licenses and several IAEI and ICC building related certifications.