

Life Safety Symposium

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Eastman Cooke Construction & Specified Technologies Inc.

June 25th, 2024

The Cornell Club New York,
6 E 44th St, New York, NY 10017



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Agenda



7:30 – 8:30 am	Attendee Registration and Breakfast
8:30 – 8:45 am	Introductions and Housekeeping Items
8:45 – 9:00 am	ASHE Updates from Allison Brisson - CHFM, SASHE, ASHE Region 1
9:00 – 9:45 am	William Koffel - PE, FSFPE, SASHE, President, Koffel Associates <i>Fire Protection Features – From Design to Transition to Ownership</i>
9:45 – 10:00 am	Break
10:00 – 10:45 am	Mark Izsa - Regional Healthcare Manager, Northeast, Specified Technologies Inc. <i>Sustainable Processes for Managing Life Safety Barriers</i>
10:45 – 11:00 am	Break
11:00 – 11:45 am	George Mills - CHFM, CEM, CHSP, CHOP-DNV, Director of Operations, JLL <i>Joint Commission Update</i>
11:45 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch with Sponsors
12:30 – 1:15 pm	David B. Uhaze - Principal, Health Facilities Design Consulting <i>FGI Guidelines Update</i>
1:15 – 1:30 pm	Break
1:30 – 2:15 pm	Jeff O'Neill - AIA, ACHA, CHFM, SASHE, Vice President, Plant Operations at RWJ Barnabas <i>Compliance v. Operations: A Tough Choice</i>
2:15 – 2:30 pm	Break
2:30 - 3:15 pm	Herman McKenzie - MBA, CHSP, Director, Physical Environment Department, Standards Interpretation Group, The Joint Commission <i>Compliance in the Physical Environment</i>
3:15 - 3:30 pm	Questions & Adjourn



Symposium Speakers

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William Koffel - PE, FSFPE, SASHE, President, Koffel Associates

Bill Koffel is President of Koffel Associates, a fire protection and life safety engineering design and consulting firm, recognized as an expert in the fire protection and life safety aspects of codes

and standards. Headquartered in the Baltimore-Washington metropolitan area, the firm provides consulting; engineering design & construction administration; codes & standards development; seminar development & training; product testing & evaluation / representation; and litigation support to public and private clients worldwide.



George Mills - CHFM, CEM, CHSP, CHOP-DNV, Director of Operations, JLL

George Mills has almost 40 years in healthcare, including 14 years at the Joint Commission as director of engineering. He has also worked for two years for the AHA Personal Membership Group, ASHE, as director of codes and standards.

His remaining work in healthcare includes Facilities Management, recently leading ATG as the CEO, and since 2017, serving as the Director of Technical Operations supporting the many JLL Healthcare accounts. Prior to healthcare Mr. Mills was a carpenter and iron worker. He has an MBA from California Coast University, is certified as a CHFM, CEM, CHSP and CHOP-DNV; he is a Fellow with ASHE, AAMI and RSPH.



Jeff O'Neill - AIA, ACHA, CHFM, SASHE, Vice President, Plant Operations at RWJ Barnabas

Jeff O'Neill is the Vice President of Plant Operations at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, New Jersey, part of the RWJ Barnabas Health System. Plant Operations is responsible for the maintenance

of the physical plant, the environment of care, and implementation of approximately \$1 Billion in capital construction projects over the next three years. Jeff started his career in 1992 at the Department of Veterans Affairs in their Engineering Department. Since then, he has worked on development, design and management of capital projects, both from the consulting architect and owner sides.



Mark Izsa - Regional Healthcare Manager, Northeast, Specified Technologies Inc.

Mark manages the regional healthcare efforts for STI Firestop in the Northeast US and is responsible for meeting with and providing support to hospital facilities using STI products.

Mark presents to interested clients including owners in Facilities and PD&C, architects and consultants and provides trainings, site support and technical assistance to installers of STI materials. He recently became certified as an ASHE healthcare physical environment worker.



David B. Uhaze - Principal, Health Facilities Design Consulting

Mr. Uhaze is a registered architect and has worked in the field of healthcare design for the past 40yrs. For 28 of those years he was employed by the State of New Jersey as the Authority Having Jurisdiction over the construction of every healthcare facility constructed in the state. He is a 27 year member

of the Facility Guidelines Institute-Health Guidelines Revision Committee. He has served in served in many capacities at FGI including Chair of the Hospital & Outpatient Standards Revisions Committee, as a Steering and Executive Committee member, as Vice Chairman of the 2018 edition and as Chairman of the 2022 edition.



Herman McKenzie - MBA, CHSP, Director, Physical Environment Department, Standards Interpretation Group, The Joint Commission

Herman McKenzie is currently Director in the Standards Interpretation Group of The Joint Commission (TJC). In this role, he manages

all activities associated with the daily operations of the Engineering department, provides standards interpretation and education to The Joint Commission's surveyors and accredited organizations, reviews equivalency requests and survey reports, conducts surveys and Intracycle Monitoring conference calls, and serves as faculty for educational programs and a speaker for national, regional, state, and local audiences.