

# Maine Fire Protection Services Commission

July 2010

## 2010-2011 Fire Service Happenings!

**Maine Fire Chiefs Assoc  
Annual Lobster Bake & Meeting**  
July 22<sup>nd</sup>, Camden

**Maine Building Codes & Standards  
Public Hearing, 1:00pm July 26<sup>th</sup>,**  
Dept of Public Safety, SFMO, Augusta, ME

**Maine State Federation of Firefighters  
Annual convention**  
September 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, Presque Isle, ME

**THE BLUE MASS** Sept 12<sup>th</sup>, 10am  
Honoring EMS, Fire, & Law Enforcement  
The Basilica of Ss. Peter & Paul, Lewiston ME

**CERT Jamboree** Sept 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>  
County Emergency Response Team  
Camp Laurel, Mt Vernon, ME

**Western Maine Lightweight Construction  
Firefighting Tactics Symposium**  
Sept 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, Poland ME

**Embracing Challenges & Change  
Maine Municipal Association Convention**  
Oct 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, Augusta Civic Center

**International Fire & Police Winter Games  
Sunday River & Shawnee Peak**  
Jan 16<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2011, Bethel ME Region

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Blaine House Conference for  
First Responders**  
April 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Point Lookout, Northport



Department of Public Safety

## Bureau of Building Codes & Standards

State of Maine

**Public Hearing July 26, 2010**

Full on-line details at: <http://www.maine.gov/dps/bbcs/>

**1:00 p.m. - Fallen Heroes Conference Room**

Department of Public Safety, 45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, Maine

**August 5, 2010 - Deadline for public comments.**

Comments may be submitted at the Public Hearing on 7/26/10

or in writing to: Bureau of Building Codes and Standards,

Department of Public Safety,

45 Commerce Drive, SHS #165 Augusta, Maine 04333-0165.

207-624-7007 Monday through Friday, 8am -5 pm

Members of the Public who wish to testify at the public hearing, are requested to also bring their testimony in written format if possible, to be submitted to the Board at that time.

### Rulemaking Changes Proposed:

[Chapter 1 - Administration](#)

[Chapter 2 - Third-Party Inspectors \(TPI\)](#)

[Chapter 3 - IBC \(2009 International Building Code\)](#)

[Chapter 4 - IEBC \(2009 International Existing Building Code\)](#)

[Chapter 5 - IRC \(2009 International Residential Code\)](#)

[Chapter 6 - IECC \(2009 International Energy Conservation Code\)](#)



## Maine Forest Rangers & Wildland Firefighters assist in Quebec

Three separate wildland firefighter crews from Maine mobilized to serve in Quebec for two weeks to help suppress wildfires in Canada. Maine Forest Service Rangers function in leadership positions and work with the 21-member civilian wildland crews from Maine. These mobilizations are a cooperative effort of the Northeastern Forest Fire Protection Compact and provide valuable fireline experience for Maine's Rangers and wildland firefighters.



Plain Language  
Frequently Asked  
Questions (FAQs)



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The latest FLASHPOINT newsletter from the  
Maine Federation of Firefighters is available at:

[http://msfff.org/images/PDF/MSFFF\\_JuneJuly2010\\_NL.pdf](http://msfff.org/images/PDF/MSFFF_JuneJuly2010_NL.pdf)

Assuring a safer America through  
effective public safety communications



Two publications to assist with interoperability are now available from the  
Department of Homeland Security at: <http://www.safecomprogram.gov/>

“Plain Language Frequently Asked Questions”, (19pgs, 3.22MB)

“Making the Transition from Ten Codes to Plain Language”. (12pgs 8.72 MB)

PLAIN LANGUAGE GUIDE



Making the Transition  
from Ten Codes to  
Plain Language



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The Laws of Maine as enacted by the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature are now available on-line at: <http://legislature.maine.gov/ros/Publications.htm>. The general effective date for the Second Regular Session was July 12, 2010. The Laws of Maine are also fully searchable by term at the following site: <http://legislature.maine.gov/ros/lom/lawsrch.htm>.

## U.S. FIRE SERVICE FATALITIES IN STRUCTURE FIRES

**1977-2009** A review of the firefighter deaths that have occurred while operating inside at structure fires finds that death rates during operations outside at structure fires have decreased, while the rates of traumatic injuries during operations inside have not.

<http://www.nfpa.org/assets/files/PDF/OS.FatalitiesInStructures.pdf>

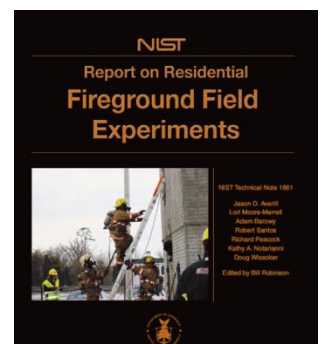
## NFPA Safety Alert Antifreeze in Residential Sprinklers

[www.nfpa.org/itemDetail.asp?categoryID=2064&itemID=48038](http://www.nfpa.org/itemDetail.asp?categoryID=2064&itemID=48038)



The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) recently released their **Report On Residential Fireground Field Experiments**. Results presented in this 106 page report quantify the effectiveness of crew size, first-due engine arrival time, and apparatus arrival stagger on the duration and time to completion of 22 key fire ground tasks.

NIST Publication NIST TN - 1661



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*Upcoming Fire Commission Meetings*

Monday, Sept 13th, 1:00pm Regular Monthly Meeting DPS Fire Marshal's Office

Monday, Oct 4th, 1:00pm Regular Monthly Meeting DPS Fire Marshal's Office



The June 2010 Issue of the Maine Fire Marshal News can be read or downloaded from:  
<http://www.maine.gov/dps/fmo/documents/FMONwsltrV2Is6.pdf>

*This issues articles include:*

NFPA Fire Prevention Week 2010 Theme - **Smoke Alarms: A sound you can live with**  
SFMO Receives Fire Prevention & Safety Grant  
2008-2009 MEFIRS Data Summary  
Fireworks in Maine

A reminder too that previous issues of the Fire Commission Newsletters are available at  
<http://www.maine.gov/dps/fmo/commission/newsletters.html>



***It's all about - Recruitment & Retention***  
**Maine's Length of Service Award Program LOSAP**

Visit the Fire Commission's interactive LOSAP page at:  
<http://www.maine.gov/dps/fmo/commission/LOSAP091.HTM>

LOSAP's are annuity based saving programs for volunteer and on-call emergency services personnel.