

Retirement of Oliver C. Moore—with Thanks from IKECA

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Deputy Utah State Fire Marshal Oliver C. Moore announced his retirement this year. His 36-year career in the fire service and efforts serving as an IKECA volunteer leader demonstrate his fierce dedication to the IKECA mission and vision. Chief Moore has made an enormous impact throughout his career on the industry and IKECA as an organization.

Chief Moore's vocation has been keeping his community, state, and country safe. He has held many roles as both volunteer and full paid firefighter, emergency medical technician, engineer/driver, station captain, fire ground and field commander, hazardous materials technician, fire operations training officer, medical training officer, public information officer, fire cause and arson investigator, public fire educator, and juvenile fire-setter intervention evaluator.

For the past nine years, Chief Moore held the role of Deputy Utah State Fire Marshal with a specialty in fire prevention. He focused on life and fire safety inspections and commerce and trade licensing coordination with an emphasis on fire protection concern licensing and technician certifications. Notably, he has also developed unique online training curriculums for fire protection initiatives. His newest program is titled "Reduced Cigarette Ignition Propensity and Firefighter Protection."

During his time as Deputy Utah State Fire Marshal, Chief Moore was also involved in the Homeland Security Division Volunteer Management and Response Team. His unique leadership skills helped him to become an authority in a variety of community preparedness initiatives, including public fire safety and education, marketing coordination, and community preparedness.

Chief Moore's contributions to the IKECA community did not stop at his frequent submissions to the *Journal*. He was the founder of the AHJ committee and served as its very first chairman, leading a committee of his peers in fire prevention initiatives. Chief Moore also established the mutualistic fire protection initiative to help bring the AHJ, the fire protection industry, and the commercial kitchen/restaurant industry together in a coordinated effort to establish a culture of fire and life safety protection nationally.

Over the years, Chief Moore regularly presented at IKECA meetings. Anyone who has had the privilege of hearing Chief Moore speak knows his unmistakable passion for fire prevention and life safety. His addresses included topics such as how to partner with AHJs to become better service providers and his approach to and application of mutualistic fire protection in his jurisdiction.

From the moment Chief Moore became involved with IKECA, he has been a tireless advocate of fire prevention in keeping kitchens and other facilities safe. IKECA expresses its eternal gratitude to Chief Oliver Moore for leading an extraordinary career in fire prevention and life safety and for his endless contributions to the organization and lasting impact on the industry.