

# IKECA NEWSLETTER

## FOR ITS CANADIAN CHAPTER

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*The Canadian Chapter of IKECA is proud to release its first Newsletter directed towards the Canadian marketplace. This newsletter will be distributed quarterly, offering education to Contractors, Facility Owner/Operators, Fire Departments and Insurance Industry Brokers in Canada. Our goal is to assist in creating a broader awareness of Commercial Cooking Exhaust Systems plus an understanding of the importance & benefits of regular maintenance. Creating a healthier, cleaner and safer environment in commercial cooking facilities will enhance the safety, efficiency and image of exhaust systems overall.*

### **IKECA—WHO WE ARE...**

*IKECA, the International Kitchen Exhaust Cleaning Association, is a non-profit organization committed to fire prevention and life safety by promoting kitchen exhaust cleaning to higher standards. IKECA provides a forum for members and their employees to master industry fundamentals, broaden their knowledge base, and introduce new concepts, strategies and technologies, all focusing on commercial kitchen exhaust cleaning.*

*With members all over the world, IKECA is bringing its core beliefs and ethical standards to every part of the globe, and continuing to lead the industry in certification and continuing education.*

*By 2016, IKECA intends to be the internationally recognized association directly impacting the standards and procedures for commercial kitchen exhaust cleaning, inspection and maintenance earned.*

### **CANADIAN CHAPTER of IKECA**

The Canadian Chapter of IKECA consists of all Active IKECA Members located within the geographic boundaries of Canada and its provinces. The Association represents the interests of the Commercial Kitchen Exhaust Cleaning Industry by promoting the highest cleaning and ethical standards. The organization of the Canadian Chapter will increase awareness of fire protection in commercial cooking facilities by working in conjunction with Fire Departments, the Insurance Industry, Regulatory bodies and Owner/operators of commercial cooking facilities. Providing the structure to improve local industry working relationships by opening and enhancing lines of communication, IKECA creates networking channels and offers expanding education opportunities.

***IKECA is in the process of producing the first comprehensive, consensus-built standards for the cleaning, inspection & maintenance of commercial kitchen exhaust systems.***

### **Benefits for IKECA Canadian Members**

- Provide a platform for members to have a unified voice for proper cleaning, inspection and maintenance of commercial kitchen exhaust systems within the Canadian provinces.
- Contribute in producing standards and programs specific to the Canadian Industry—from fire protection, engineering, insurance, foodservice, manufacturing and contracting industries in application to commercial cooking exhaust system facilities.
- Provide continued education to all applicable industry-related environmental standards and practices, while the industry advances with technology changes as more efficient equipment is manufactured and improved cleaning processes are developed.
- Provide recognized certification and training for exhaust cleaners and their employees along with awareness to all relevant Code changes/developments.
- Provide ongoing essential education enhancement on Industry Standards, which is vital to ensure competency and knowledge of the exhaust system industry.

***To become a member of a unified kitchen exhaust cleaning association (IKECA), you are invited to join us in the creation of a more positive industry-wide relationship!***

***Join our IKECA Team, and you will have the opportunity to focus on local industry problems and join in finding solutions by networking more effectively with other members of the industry. New technologies and national standards require expanded educational opportunities, which are offered through IKECA's Canadian Chapter. Through IKECA, we can share information more effectively, mutually consider legislative needs and, by working together, provide the best possible service to the public.***

### **JOIN OUR IKECA MEMBERSHIP**

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