

## **SFPE Canadian Chapters Collaboration Group (CCCG) – SFPE Canada**

### **Background**

As there is no combined bilingual entity that speaks for Canadian Fire Protection Engineers or SFPE Chapters across Canada, the CCCG (or SFPE Canada in short) was formed with the participation of presidents, representatives from the executives of all the SFPE Canadian chapters, and representatives from SFPE.

The group has been meeting monthly with representatives from SFPE and Canadian Chapters leadership and would like to formalize the process. The SFPE Canadian Chapters currently participating include:

- o SFPE Saint Laurent Chapter
- o SFPE Maritimes Chapter
- o SFPE National Capital Chapter
- o SFPE Southern Ontario Chapter
- o SFPE British Columbia Chapter

The CCCG Chapter leadership met on 12/05/2023 to formalize the group and drafted proposed mission and goals, that will be part of its Terms of Reference. These are being shared with SFPE members across Canada for approval by each regional SFPE Chapter.

The next meeting of the CCCG is scheduled for the second Tuesday of February 2024. The agenda will be to review any comments or recommendations received and discuss further elaboration of the Terms of Reference and formation of the CCCG board.

At least one delegate from each regional Chapter is requested to be present at next the meeting. As such, we kindly request each Chapter president to confirm names and emails of at two representatives (principal and alternate) who are SFPE members and representing their regional Chapter on the CCCG.

This group is not intended to replace, or replicate activities, of individual SFPE Canadian Chapters. Regional SFPE Chapters will continue to function in the same way. The CCCG will provide a bilingual venue for chapters to discuss and collaborate on national issues. The group is intended to enhance rather than undermine the Canadian Chapters (current and future ones).

The following proposed mission and goals are also shared with SFPE for reference, and we request that SFPE board to confirm its appointed delegates (principal and alternate) to the CCCG.

### **Proposed CCCG Mission and Goals for approval by the SFPE Canadian Regional Chapters**

#### **P1- Mission**

*SFPE CCCG will be leading the Fire protection Engineering profession in Canada to advance the SFPE Mission and to be the voice of SFPE Canadian Chapters on national issues and fire safety matters.*

**P2- Goals**

- To advance science and practice of fire protection engineering in Canada.
- To establish, maintain, and promote relations and collaboration between SFPE regional Canadian chapters and address national issues relating to fire protection engineering.
- To engage with Canadian institutions and universities on national fire protection engineering educational programs, national authorities, codes and standards development bodies, and other stakeholders, and provide input on national issues relating to fire protection engineering.
- To advocate for high ethical standards, professionalism and competency in the practice of FPE.
- To foster and promote fire protection engineering education.
- To leverage SFPE educational content and adapt to needs of the Canadian fire protection engineering community and collaborate with regional Canadian chapters and SFPE on bilingual symposia and conferences.
- To provide input into the development and adaptation SFPE standards and guides to Canadian Regulatory frameworks.
- To promote bilingual SFPE technical information to the fire protection engineering community
- To provide a national online networking platform, leveraging the existing SFPE online platform, for SFPE Canadian Chapters, fire protection engineers, and other interested parties to share expertise and experience related to the above.
- To attract and support new SFPE regional Chapters and SFPE members by providing programming services and promoting SFPE across Canada