

## Background for the life safety aspects of Assignment #2:

### 7th Edition (2020) Florida Fire Prevention Code

Florida Statutes: 633.202 (See attachment 1)

633.218 (See attachment 2)

- Florida Fire Prevention Code is adopted on triennial basis parallel with FBC.
- Enforcement is similar to the Florida building code, other than state owned or state leased buildings, inspections and enforcement are at the local level.
- This is a minimal code which comprises NFPA 1 and NFPA 101– with Florida specific amendments
- Within NFPA 1 there are **frequency inspection requirements (see attachment 3)** listed for existing buildings based on type of hazard “Occupancy Risk Classification” – a high hazard building [inspection] frequency would be based on annual inspection requirement.
- NFPA 101 – is broken down into two sections: New construction and existing. So, it looks at what’s there and current conditions of the structure.
- Local authority does have some flexibility to look at equivalent alternatives – when one can’t find something that meets the prescriptive requirements.
- Section 10.2.7 of NFPA 1 lays out four categories: a high-occupancy risk category is an annual inspection; a moderate is a bi-annual inspection; a low is a tri-annual inspection, with critical infrastructure is based on the local AHJ jurisdiction. Again, it goes back to the type of risk category. (See attachment 3).
- Enforcing the FFPC would require certification under FS 633.
- NFPA 1 Fire Code – Section 10.1.4 Structural Hazards. (See attachment 3)
- **Presentation** - Overview of the Fire Safety annual inspection requirements for existing buildings by John Gatlin. (See attachment 4).
- NFPA 1730 - 2019 – Occupancy Risk Classification/applicable occupancies. (See attachment 5).
- NFPA 1 – Section 10.1.2 – Life Safety Code – “Every new and existing building shall comply with this code and NFPA 101.” The requirements for existing buildings are detailed in Chapters 13 through 37 of NFPA 101.
- The following is the link to the 7<sup>th</sup> Edition (2020) Florida Fire Prevention Code:

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