



Society of Fire Protection Engineers

Engineering a Fire Safe World

NOTICE OF TECHNICAL SESSION

TOPIC: [Learning from History - Knights of Columbus Hostel Fire](#)

SPEAKERS: Josée Ouellette - RCMP and Dr. Steven Gwynne - Movement Strategies

DATE/TIME: [Wednesday, September 26th, 2018 – 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM](#)

LOCATION: National Research Council - Building M-59, 1200 Montreal Rd., Ottawa

PRICES: SFPE Chapter Members...\$10.00 Others...\$20.00 FRM Staff and Students ...FREE

TOPIC: [Knights of Columbus Hostel Fire](#)

This presentation will describe research that has been completed on the Knights of Columbus Hostel Fire that occurred in 1942 where 99 people died. A detailed timeline based on hundreds of witness statements in archives will illustrate how the fire completely ravaged the building and this information provides important information on fire growth, spread and human behavior in fires.

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Josée Ouellette's bio to follow.

Dr. Gwynne is a Research Lead at Movement Strategies based in the UK. He has nearly 25 years of research/consulting experience in the area of pedestrian dynamics, human behavior in fire and egress modelling. He has worked for the US / Canadian governments (NIST and until recently NRC), academic institutes (including Univ. Maryland, Univ. Waterloo and Univ. Greenwich) and in consultancy (e.g. Hughes Associates). He has been involved in data collection, model development, model application, procedural design, and regulatory development. He has worked in the built environment, aviation, maritime and rail environments and has also worked both in large-scale disasters and in wildfire incidents.

RESERVATION: As we have limited room, please confirm your attendance. Contact Aaron Lee by e-mail at alee@jensenhughes.com or (613) 707-2876 prior to 4:00 pm Tuesday, September 25th, 2018