



Appendix 3
National Association of State Fire Marshals
Fire Research & Education Foundation
“Conquering the ‘Unknowns’” Data Project
Executive Team Member Bios

Karen F. Deppa

National Association of State Fire Marshals Fire Research and Education Foundation

Ms. Deppa has worked with the National Association of State Fire Marshals since 1994, during which time her focus has been on achieving greater levels of public and emergency responder safety. As the NASFM and NASFM Foundation’s Director of External Relations, Ms. Deppa brings public safety officials together with allies from industry, academia, government and consumer organizations in the advocacy of safer consumer products, tougher building codes and standards, and more effective public fire safety education, among other goals. Over the course of her career, she has designed and managed programs on a range of fire and life safety, product safety and environmental issues.

Shannon Frattaroli, Ph.D., MPH

Assistant Professor, Center for Injury Research and Policy
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Dr. Frattaroli’s research interests include understanding the role of policy in improving the health of populations, with particular attention to the effects of firearm injury prevention policies, the implementation of public health policies, and the role of advocacy and communities in the policy process. She also is interested in residential sprinklers as a strategy for preventing house fire death and injury. Much of her work involves the use of qualitative methods. She serves as the Advocacy/Policy Chair of the Maryland Public Health Association. She has published extensively in her field, and has received numerous awards for her research and teaching.

Ed Comeau

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Mr. Comeau has a long career in fire safety, fire protection engineering and fire investigations. He has been involved with more than 20 grant projects over the years, dealing with issues such as fire prevention strategy, campus fire safety and fire data collection. Mr. Comeau is the publisher of the electronic newsletter Campus Firewatch, and has been very active in the field of campus fire safety. Mr. Comeau is the former chief fire investigator with the National Fire Protection Association. Before joining NFPA, he was a fire protection engineer for the Phoenix

Fire Department, where he helped organize the department's Urban Search and Rescue program and developed training for the department's technical rescue program. While earning his degree in Civil Engineering at the University of Massachusetts, he was a member of the Amherst Fire Department.