

DATE: Tuesday, October 8th, 2013 TIME: 10:30 am

LOCATION: Chedoke B

GUEST SPEAKERS: Mr. Andrew Wong - Insight Fire-Life Consultants Inc.

DESCRIPTION: Andrew Wong, MBA, CFIFireE, CFPS, CFEI, President, Insight Fire-Life Consultants Inc. - A consolidated review of enforcement requirements including an understanding of fire and explosion hazards, fire and explosion prevention/protection measures and application of the Fire Code.

BIOGRAPHY: Mr. Andrew Wong, President, Insight Fire-Life Consultants Inc. Andrew has over 42 years of full-time professional fire service experience. His professional career started in 1969 as an Assistant Station Officer with the Hong Kong Fire Department. He progressed through the ranks and became a Senior Divisional Officer prior to leaving for Canada. He has extensive experience at senior officer level in fire fighting operations (land-based and aircraft crash and rescue), fire prevention, planning, management and training.

In August 1990, Andrew joined the City of Vaughan as a Fire Prevention Inspector. In October 2000, he was promoted to Fire Prevention Captain in-charge of the Fire Prevention Division. In May 2007, he was appointed Executive Officer (Fire Protection Specialist) of the City of Vaughan Fire and Rescue Service, with major responsibilities in the administration of the fire protection and fire engineering components of the 2006 Objective-based Building Code and 2007 Fire Code. Andrew retired from the City of Vaughan in February, 2011 and has his consulting business incorporated.

Andrew has been a Professor of the Department of Technology, Faculty of Continuing Education and Training, Seneca College of Applied Arts and Technology, for over 17 years. He taught credit courses in the Fire Safety Certificate and the Fire Protection System Certificate programs. He was the Instructor for the NFPA Certified Fire Protection Specialist program and was a Teaching Assistant of the University of Cincinnati's Fire Science Degree program. He has been actively involved in the delivery of Part 4 (Flammable and Combustible Liquids) and Dust Collector Systems Fire Code training programs in the Greater Toronto Area since 1998.

Andrew received his formal fire services training in Hong Kong, UK, USA and Canada. He is the holder of Her Majesty the Queen's Colonial Fire Brigade Long Service Medal, and the Ontario Fire Service Long Service Medal. In 2010, he was awarded the Chinese Canadian Legend Award by the Asian Business Network Association in Canada and a Certificate of Recognition from the Senate of Canada.

He holds a Post-Graduate Diploma in Management Studies, a Master's Degree in Business Administration and also a Post-Graduate Certificate in Public Administration and Management.

He is a Companion Fellow of the Institution of Fire Engineers. He is the Founding President of the Institution of Fire Engineers (Canada Branch) since 1991, and is the National President of the Institution of Fire Engineers Canada Branch for 2008 - 2011.

In 1993, he became a Founding Member of the Ontario Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council. He was a Fellow of the British Institute of Management, a Fellow of the British Institute of Training and Development, and a NFPA Certified Fire Protection Specialist.

He is at present a Certified Fire Prevention Officer and Building Inspector (Fire Protection) in Ontario, a NAFI Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator and Certified Fire Investigation Instructor. He is a Professional Member of the American Society of Safety Engineers, and a Professional Member of the International Coach Federation.

Andrew is now the Founder and President of Insight Fire-Life Consultants Inc. (BCIN 41984), a fully insured fire and life safety consulting company that offers a wide range of Fire Code consulting and training services in Ontario and internationally. Company web-page: www.insight-fire-life.ca