

OSU Fire Protection Publications and IFSTA Announce Leadership Changes

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Oklahoma State University's Fire Protection Publications (FPP) and the International Fire Service Training Association (IFSTA) are pleased to announce the appointment of Craig Hannan as Interim Director of OSU Fire Protection Publications and Mike Wieder as the permanent Executive Director of IFSTA. Both of these positions were previously held by Chris Neal who left the organization earlier this month.

As the acting Interim Director of FPP Craig will oversee the business, operational, and financial functions of the organization, as well as coordinate communications between FPP and the OSU Administration. Craig has held a number of positions during his tenure at FPP including Chief Operating Officer and Controller. Craig is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and holds a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) degree from OSU. In addition to his extensive business background, Hannan also has a long history of involvement in fire and EMS operations. He is the former fire chief of the Colbert, Oklahoma Fire Department and currently serves as training officer for the Perkins, Oklahoma Volunteer Fire Department. He also formerly served as a career Paramedic Supervisor for Rural/Metro EMS in the Sherman, Texas area.

Mike Wieder's appointment to the position of IFSTA Executive Director was ratified by a vote of the IFSTA Executive Board on August 27, 2009. In this role Mike is responsible for coordinating the efforts to produce the IFSTA line of validated training materials between the IFSTA organization and their publishers at FPP. He is also authorized to act on behalf of the IFSTA Executive Board when time does not allow a Board meeting to be convened. Mike will also maintain his current role as Assistant Director and Managing Editor at FPP where he has been employed in various roles for nearly 25 years. He holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in fire protection, occupational safety, and adult education. Mike has been heavily involved in numerous national fire service organizations.

IFSTA/FPP has been the world's largest provider of fire service training materials since their formation in 1934. FPP is a non-profit auxiliary enterprise of the College of Engineering, Architecture, and Technology at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma. For more information on the organization, see their website at www.ifsta.org.