

# Doing a Story about Fire?

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## Areas of Expertise

- Professional Practice Issues in Fire Protection Engineering
- Fire Protection Public Policy
- Recruitment & Career Development of Fire protection Engineers
- Fire Service/Code Enforcement

Chris Jelenewicz has a wide range of experience in the field of fire protection drawing on his experience in the fire service and as a code official.

He has over 20 years of fire service experience. For seven years he served as fire chief for Maryland's Chillum-Adelphi Volunteer Fire Department, in addition to being a licensed fire protection engineer.

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### **What is a fire protection engineer?**

A fire protection engineer applies science and engineering principles to protect people, homes, workplaces, the economy and the environment from the devastating effects of fires. Fire protection engineers analyze how buildings are used, how fires start and grow, and how fires affect people and property. They use the latest technologies to design systems to control fires, alert people to danger, and provide means for escape.

### **About Society of Fire Protection Engineers**

Organized in 1950, Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE) is the professional society for engineers involved in the field of fire protection engineering. The purposes of SFPE are to advance the science and practice of fire protection engineering, maintain a high ethical standing among its members and foster fire protection engineering education. SFPE's worldwide members include engineers in private practice, in industry and in local, regional and national government.