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SFPE Position Statement 2022-01: Professional Licensure

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It is the position of SFPE that every individual in responsible charge of the practice of fire protection engineering be a licensed engineer. SFPE supports the adoption of a uniform set of standards for the practice of fire protection engineering.

Professional licensure is a safeguard for public safety. Professional licensure is a credential regulated by a government agency that grants an individual authority to practice their trade. The Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE) encourages individuals engaged in the engineering profession to strive for professional recognition by obtaining professional licensure. Common examples of professional licensure include but are not limited to professional engineers and chartered engineers.

As a global organization, SFPE recognizes that there are many jurisdictions without a professional licensure system in place for the practice of fire protection engineering. SFPE encourages credentialing to demonstrate an individual's skill and knowledge in areas of practice when licensure is not available. SFPE encourages all jurisdictions to adopt uniform standards regulating the practice of fire protection engineering.

Professional licensure and credentials demonstrate a commitment to maintaining professional, ethical, and societal responsibilities to protect public health, safety, and welfare. In addition, continuing education is vital to the development of an individual throughout their career. For more information, refer to the SFPE *Code of Ethics*.

The application of fire science, human behavior, fire safety systems, and analytical methods to fire safety challenges requires individuals with specialized expertise. In order to provide guidance on the knowledge and skills expected of such individuals, SFPE has published the "*Recommended Minimum Technical Core Competencies for the Practice of Fire Protection Engineering*". This document establishes a framework for understanding the technical basis for this specialized engineering discipline.

Ensuring adequate qualifications for those practicing fire protection engineering aligns with SFPE's mission to reduce fire risk.

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