

# **Instructor Disclosure**

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#### **POLICY**

The Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE) is committed to upholding the highest ethical values and to encourage professional and principled behavior by its staff and volunteers. Each Board of Directors, committee member, officer, and staff receives a copy of the Society's ethics policy. The code is binding on all volunteers, instructor participants and staff.

#### **PURPOSE**

This policy applies all persons involved in the delivery of continuing professional development content to disclose any real or apparent conflict they may have as related to the content of the activity. All identified conflicts of interest are thoroughly vetted by SFPE for balance, scientific objectivity of studies mentioned in materials or used as the basis for content. Instructors should disclose any significant relationship they may have with a manufacturer company or service that may be mentioned as part of their content, as well as any direct relationship with the manufacturer who may be a supporter of the educational activity.

### **RESPONSIBILITY**

The Director of Professional Development under the guidance of the Professional Development Committee ensures that this policy is followed and implemented within the Society.

## **CATEGORY DESCRIPTION**

- a) **Consulting Fees/Honoraria:** Honoraria from a third party, gifts or in-kind compensation for consulting, lecturing, speaking engagements, advisory board, or membership, legal testimony or consultation (*e.g.*, expert witness), or other purpose.
- b) Speaker's Bureau\*: When a company has the right to dictate or control the content of the presentation or talk, and/or the company creates the presentation material and has final approval of the content and edits, and/or you are expected to act as a company's agent or spokesperson for the purpose of disseminating company or product information.
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- j) **Other:** Other relevant relationships not described above must be disclosed.

### **DISCLOSURE**

## **Spoken Announcements**

**Relevant Financial Relationship(s) and non-financial relationship(s)**. I am here to discuss Tall Buildings. I am the author of the book "Tall Buildings". Many of the concepts I'm presenting today are from my book and test. I do benefit financially from royalty payments from the sale of these products. I'm also a member of the board of directors for the Society of Fire Protection Engineers; however, I do not receive any compensation for this role.

**Relevant Financial Relationship (s), no relevant non-financial relationship(s).** I am here to discuss Tall Buildings.

I received a speaking fee from SFPE for this presentation and also receive a salary from the Society of Fire Protection Engineers. I have no relevant nonfinancial relationships to disclose.

No relevant financial relationship(s), relevant nonfinancial relationship(s). I am here to discuss Tall Buildings.

I have no relevant financial relationships to disclose, but do want to disclose that I am on the board of directors of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers. I do not receive financial compensation for my role in the organization.

 $<sup>^{</sup>m 1}$  intellectual property is defined as property from original thought protected by law: original creative work

**No relevant financial relationship(s) or nonfinancial relationship(s).** I'm speaking on Social Media and Continuing Education. I work for Jensen Hughes Education.

I have no relevant financial or nonfinancial relationships to disclose.

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## **Disclosure**

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- **Nonfinancial** No relevant nonfinancial relationship exists.

No Relevant Financial Relationship(s), Relevant Nonfinancial Relationship(s). Steve Harvey, Tall Buildings

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### **Disclosure**

Mr. Harvey has no relevant financial or nonfinancial relationships to disclose.

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# **Group Course**

This webinar, "Tall Buildings," was funded in its entirety by the American Association of Tall Buildings who manufacturers materials that are used to make 'tall buildings'.

#### For An Asynchronous Course

This self-study online course was written by Steve Harvey. Partial funding to develop and deliver this course was provided by Jensen Hughes Company

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- 1. We want to thank Tyco Products for the use of its online registration services and its auditorium for today's course.
- 2. The American Association of Tall Buildings provided volunteers to assist with registration for today's course.
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