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Wednesday**December 3, 2025**

7:30-8:45	Registration & Sign in-Vendors Set Up
8:45	Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
9:00-10:15	Rob Neale 2021 IBC Fire & Smoke Protection Features
10:15-10:30	Break
10:30-12:00	Rob Neale 2021 IBC Fire & Smoke Protection Features
12:00-1:00	Lunch (On your own)
1:00-1:30	Vendor Presentation
1:30-3:00	Rob Neale 2021 IBC Fire & Smoke Protection Features
3:00-3:15	Break
3:15-5:00	Rob Neale 2021 Fire & Smoke Protection Features
5:00	Adjourn

Thursday**December 4, 2025**

7:30-8:00	Sign in & Late Registration
8:00	Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
8:15-10:00	Roger Axel 2021 IBC Apartment Bldgs.
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15-12:00	Roger Axel 2021 IBC Apartment Bldgs.
12:00-1:00	Lunch (On your own)
1:00-2:00	Vendor Presentation
2:00-3:00	Roger Axel 2021 IBC Apartment Bldgs.
3:00-3:15	Break
3:15-5:00	Roger Axel 2021 IBC Apartment Bldgs.
5:00	Adjourn

Friday**December 5, 2025**

7:30-8:00	Sign-in & Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
8:00-8:30	Region 9 Meeting
8:30-9:00	MS State Board of Contractors
9:00-11:00	BOAM Business Meeting & Adjourn

Rob Neale

Rob Neale is currently on staff as an Instructor for ICC. Previously, he was the International Code Council's Government Relations Vice President for National Fire Service Activities where he coordinated efforts to get the US fire service more engaged in the code development and enforcement process.

Rob also served as the Deputy Superintendent for the United States Fire Administration National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD. He was responsible for development of curriculum aimed at improving the professionalism of America's fire service.

For six years, Rob managed the National Fire Academy's Technical Fire Prevention Curriculum; including fire inspection techniques, prescriptive and performance-based fire and building code interpretation and application, fire protection systems function design, installation and standards, and plan review for fire inspection personnel.

Rob was named 2023 ICC Educator of the Year. In 2012, he received the FEMA Administrator's Award for Innovation for his development of the popular Coffee Break Training series.

He was more than 40 years' experience in the fire protection field. He spent 22 years in Washington state municipal fire protection as a fire chief, fire marshal, and fire fighter. He served as charter member of the National Fire Protection Association Technical Committee No. 1037 for "Professional Qualifications for Fire Marshal" and represented the United States Fire Administration on the Underwriters Laboratories Fire Council.

Rob graduated from the Center for Homeland Defense and Security master's degree program at the Naval Postgraduate School. He holds a bachelor's degree in liberal studies from Western Washington University.

Roger Axel, C.B.O.

Building Official, retired; 12 years construction experiences as self-employed contractor, 30 years inspection experience (10 years building inspector, 5 years plans examiner, 15 years building official) including single and multi-family residential, educational, industrial, business and mercantile occupancies including the Mall of America; Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Education, University of Minnesota; Associate in Applied Science Degree in Building Inspection Technology, Inver Hills Community College; State of Minnesota Certified Building Official; Multiple International Code Council Certifications; ICC instructor, instructor for Housing and Building Inspection Institute at Certifications; ICC instructor; instructor for Housing and Building Inspection Institute at UW-Madison College of Engineering; instructor for MN licensed Residential Contractor continuing education seminars; past Chairman, and current Executive Officer of the Association of MN Building Officials; active member of the Association of MN Building officials, the 10,000 Lakes Chapter, MN Building Permit Technicians and the Upper Great Plains Region III Chapters of the International Code Council