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William E. Koffel has more than 20 years of experience in fire protection engineering, survey, analysis, cost estimation, design and documentation projects. He specializes in fire protection systems, analysis, design, testing, and maintenance; fire protection and life safety surveys, including the use of Fire Safety Evaluation Systems; building, life safety, and fire code analysis; fire protection risk and systems safety analysis; fire protection and life safety course development and instruction; community fire defense planning; product research and testing; and forensic engineering, including fire and/or explosion loss analysis and investigation and litigation support. He participates in the codes and standards development processes.

In addition to serving as Project Manager for numerous design and survey projects, he currently focuses his efforts on developing seminars, training engineers in the private and public sectors, and representing numerous industries in the code development process. He founded Koffel Associates, Inc. in 1986, and has presided over its growth to its current staff of 14 people with offices in Maryland and Connecticut.

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