

39th Annual - Bryant Stiles Officers School February 19 – 22, 2026 Owensboro, KY



Thursday Class- All Day

1. Fire Suppression Systems for Sprinkler Inspectors.

Instructor: Richard Peddicord

This class will satisfy the requirements for the six (6) hours continuing education for fire suppression system sprinkler inspectors licensed by the Kentucky Department of Housing, Building, and Construction. This will cover the code requirements, key definitions, the allowable types of fire sprinkler systems, system components, specific tests, inspections and maintenance activities, and required test duration for valves, sprinklers, gauges, alarm devices, fire department connections and fire pumps. This program includes examples and interactive discussion on how the requirements of NFPA 25 are applied.

About the Instructor:

Richard Peddicord began his firefighting experience at the age of 14 years old by attending the KY State Fire School in Lexington. After graduating high school, he volunteered with Fayette County FD. He went on to work for the Kentucky State Police. He spent more than a decade designing, installing and inspecting fire protection systems in Kentucky. Richard has dedicated his professional career to learning and sharing his knowledge of the preservation of life and property in all fire and safety-related areas. Richard surpassed his childhood dream by becoming the Assistant Director for the Kentucky State Fire Marshal's Office. During his tenure with the Division of Fire Prevention, he had many accomplishments, including overseeing the initial operations of the Kentucky Safe Cigarette Program and the states sprinkler inspection program. Richard retired from the Kentucky Fire Marshal's office in 2020. Today, he serves as the Assistant Chief of the Stamping Ground Fire Department.