



**Metro-West Building
Officials
Meeting Notice
February 14, 2023
9:00 AM -12:00 PM**

**Place: Grafton Library
35 Grafton Common
Grafton, MA 01519**

or

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This month's presentation's (part 1 of 2)

In Massachusetts, the recommended format for a building inspector's code enforcement notice and order would typically include:



1. *Clear title (e.g., "Order to Cease & Desist")*
2. *Date of issuance*
3. *Property address*
4. *Description of the violation(s)*
5. *Reference to relevant codes and regulations*
6. *Order to correct the violation(s) within a specified time frame*
7. *Signature of the inspector*
8. *Notice of the right to appeal the order*

It is important to follow the specific guidelines and regulations set forth by the local government or the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety, as these may vary.

Second part of this presentation will be a table top exercise conducting a mock witness to be cross-examined



**Present by
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Ginny has served as lead Town Counsel and special counsel for several communities in the Commonwealth since 2005. Prior to that, Ginny served in the Government Bureau of the Attorney General's Office, representing state agencies and officials in complex litigation. Ginny is an expert civil litigator with vast experience at the agency, trial, and appellate levels, and has deep expertise in zoning and land use matters, Open Meeting Law and state ethics matters, and constitutional claims.

This month's presentation's (part 2)

Summary of the recently promulgated updates Nfpa1

**Presented by
Chris Towski**

The Board of Fire Prevention Regulations ("Board") recently promulgated updates to 527 CMR 1.00, the Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code ("Code"). In updating the Code, the Board has adopted NFPA 1 (2021 Edition) with Massachusetts amendments. This amendment package bridges the gap between the previously adopted NFPA 1 (2015 edition) and the more recently adopted NFPA 1 (2021 edition). In addition to adopting new chapters from NFPA 1 (2021 Edition) the amendment package offers clarifying language to various existing Code provisions to further assist users of the Code. The updates to 527 CMR 1.00 were effective as of December 9, 2022.

Chris Towski is the Manager of MCM Industries LLC, which is a company that provides safety code consulting under MCM Code Consulting and electrical services under MCM Electrical Solutions. He is also a Fire Lieutenant for the City of Cambridge Massachusetts Fire Department with over twenty-seven years of service. His current position is with the Emergency Preparedness and Coordination Office that is under the Fire Prevention Bureau. He spent over sixteen years with the Fire Prevention Bureau where the primary duties were to enforce State laws and codes related to Fire Prevention and Protection. He is a Massachusetts Licensed Electrician and Construction Supervisor. He has been his department's Electrical Safety Officer for over fifteen years. He instructs for the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) with their Photovoltaic and Battery Energy Storage Systems Safety Training, the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Training, and the Hot Works Certification Program. He is a Technical Committee Member on NFPA 3&4 for Commissioning and Integrated Testing, 241 for Safeguarding Construction Alteration and Demolition, 1620 for Pre-Incident Planning, 855 for Stationary Energy Storage Systems and 88A for Parking Structures. He is a Standards Technical Panel Member for UL 9540 and 9540A. In addition, he is currently the Immediate Past President of the Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts. He is also a Governor of MA appointed board member representing the MA Department of Fire Services on the Board of Elevator Regulations.

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