## BIM in Fire Protection Design and Construction: Burning Down the Misconceptions

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## Objectives

At the completion of this seminar, the attendee should be familiar with:

- 1. Development/uses of BIM.
- 2. Advantages of BIM
- 3. BIM and the FPE's design role
- 4. BIM on the construction site

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## DEVELOPMENT/USES OF BIM

- History
- Legal Considerations
- "Levels" of BIM
- Clash Detection
- Facilities Management

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#### HISTORY

- 1950s Computer Added Machining
- 1980s ArchiCad, Sonata, Microstation
- 2000 REVIT first introduced
- 2002 REVIT acquired by Autodesk
- 2005 National BIM standard
- 2005 COBIE

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## LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- "Ownership" of the model
- Contract forms, e.g., AIA, etc.
- Sharing of model b/w A/E, GC and subs

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#### "DIMENSIONS" OF BIM

- 3D Modeling
- 4D Time
- 5D Cost
- 6D Facilities Management

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## CLASH DETECTION

- Tools such as NavisWorks, etc., can be used to integrate multiple drawing types
- Important to look for "relevant" clashes and not just all clashes
- Iterative process
- Effectiveness dependent on level of detail

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## FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

- As-built representation of facility at turnover
- Model can be updated to reflect renovations
- Model can store information relative to equipment, such as model and serial numbers, O&M data, etc.

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#### **ADVANTAGES**

#### Visualization

- Primary realization of the design
- Easier understanding of building and surrounding elements
- Early design change management
- Leads to discipline coordination and execution planning – reveals potential barriers

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#### **ADVANTAGES**

#### Coordination

- Interaction with disciplines to identify potential construction issues
- Cost benefit
- Time/Scheduling coordination
- Leads to execution and FM capabilities

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#### **ADVANTAGES**

#### Execution

- Combining visualization and coordination results allows for better construction planning
- Confirmation of fit prior to installation
- Cloud/Mobile technology enables on-site change management

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#### ADVANTAGES

#### Interoperability

- Model database sharable with applications
  - XML format
- Design applications can push data back to model
  - SprinkCAD
  - Add-ins used directly in modeling platform
  - tools4revit Smart Sprinklers

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## BIM AND THE FPE/DESIGNER

#### System Design

- Visualization of architect's design intent
- Coordination with other disciplines
- Can set properties in the model to address things such as fire and sound rated walls

- Fire Modeling
  - Address "real world" situations (e.g., NFPA 13 development of ceiling pocket rules)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> party applications can import BIM information into Fire Dynamics Simulator

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#### SYSTEM DESIGN

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#### SYSTEM DESIGN

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## BIM ON THE JOB SITE

- Coordination of trades
- Visualization of design professional's intent
- Resolution of field coordination issues

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## BEST PRACTICES/LESSONS LEARNED

- Think about initial model set-up
- Relationship b/w model geometry and document symbology
- Model size
- Training must be put to use immediately
- Verify expectations of all parties

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## CONCLUSION

- Questions & Answers
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