



Partners in Prevention

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No Code. No Confidence. discussed at Annual CFSI Symposium

On April 24-25, FLASH Executive Vice President Eric Vaughn attended the Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) 31st Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Symposium in Washington, D.C. Nearly 2,000 fire and emergency officials participated in the program, attending seminars, conducting meetings with members of Congress, and networking to build relationships.

FLASH *Legacy Partner* Chief Tom Weber, National Director of Community Hazard Mitigation Services – ISO/Verisk hosted a seminar about how data analytics are essential for quality service. He shared how *No Code. No Confidence.* and [InspectToProtect.org](https://www.inspecttoprotect.org) show the value of data analytics as essential tools in the creation of a proactive community risk reduction (CRR) program. Weber also defined the specific elements required for risk assessment, recommended how to use the data to define risks, and how to establish mitigation plans to minimize risks.

U.S. Fire Administrator Chief Keith Bryant served as the keynote speaker giving a presentation titled, *Exchanging Knowledge to Advance Our Mission*. His address expressed his support and encouragement of increasing knowledge to reduce injuries and death in the fire service and in the communities they serve. Resilience was also a topic of his address directly relating to the FLASH partnership's mission of assuring established leaders are continuing to mentor new builders, designers, emergency managers, and others on the importance of resilience.

Seminar presenters included association leaders and policymakers who are experts in such areas as first responder communications, emergency medical services, building codes, leadership, public safety education, and health and wellness. Their presentations covered topics on smoke alarm testing standards, cancer and behavioral health, data analytics, drones, and recruitment and retention.

Established in 1989, the CFSI is a nonprofit, nonpartisan policy institute designed to educate members of Congress about the role of our nation's fire service in protecting our homeland. Additional information about CFSI is available at www.cfsi.org.