

# NFPA NEWS

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NFPA Board Meeting

**February 27-28**

Reston, VA

### Pro Bono Conference

**May 15-16, 2010**

Phoenix, AZ

### Regulation/Leadership PACE® Ambassadors Conference

**June 4-6 2010**

Doubletree Hotel Washington

Washington, D.C.

### NFPA® Annual Convention

**October 7-10, 2010**

Hosted by the Philadelphia Paralegal Assoc.

Crowne Plaza Hotel Philadelphia-Cherry Hill

Cherry Hill, NJ

### Technically Speaking

The NFPA® Board of Directors has decided to change the format for the 2010 Tech Institute. The live presentations scheduled for March 26 and 27, 2010 are being cancelled as in-person seminars. They will, however, be presented in an audio/virtual format in the near future. In cooperation with NFPA, its Corporate Partner, The Institute for Paralegal Education (IPE), will record each scheduled speaker and then present the seminars online. The Board has listened to what NFPA's members are saying and is looking for ways to keep costs down, yet offer top quality learning opportunities.

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### Tactical Strategies (updates & inquiries on the Strategic Plan)

A New Year's Resolution for Your Local Association  
Time to dust off your local association's Strategic Plan in 2010 and review the amazing accomplishments you made in 2009! What a great tool for your local association to use to plan for the future while continuing to meet your members' expectations. If you have a strategic plan – it's time to review, modify if necessary and assess your accomplishments with your entire membership. The key to success is to keep the strategic plan simple with realistic expectations to benefit your local association's stakeholders and general membership.

### Basic Proficiency Exam Update

The committee is working hard to get the exam rolled out by early 2011. They are working with Professional Examination Services (PES) to develop this exam using the same methodology that was used to develop PACE. The eligibility criteria for the exam is based on varying degrees of formal education and experience. For more information contact the VPD of Paralegal Certification at [VPDPC@paralegals.org](mailto:VPDPC@paralegals.org)

### Pro Bono Conference

The Pro Bono Conference comes to Everest College in Mesa, Arizona on May 15-16, 2010. The two day conference affords attendees the opportunity to get involved with pro bono activities and provides information on current pro bono issues. Some of the workshops that will be offered include *The Importance of Paralegals Engaging in Pro Bono*, *How Paralegals can get Involved with Long Term Care Ombudsman Program*, and *Working with Diverse Populations*.