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Health Care Expert Joins Team

Koffel Associates is pleased to announce the fulltime addition of Sarina L. Hart, P.E. to lead and manage one of our health care teams, providing services to our health care clients, architects, engineers, and contractors throughout the world.

A graduate of the University of Maryland with a BS in Fire Protection Engineering, Sarina has over 15 years of experience in fire protection and life safety. She has 12 years of consulting experience, most of which was focused in the health care arena for Koffel Associates, and 8 years as a Deputy State Fire Marshal for the State of Maryland. Sarina's wealth of fire protection and life safety experience includes:

- Life Safety Survey and Assessment of Health Care Facilities - Responsible for annual Life Safety Code surveys for licensure of existing health care facilities, assisting them in meeting The Joint Commission and Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Life Safety Requirements. She's conducted surveys for over 50 health care facilities ranging in size, age, and complexity for ambulatory health care, long term care, residential board and care, lodging and rooming, and hospitals. Extremely knowledgeable in the CMS licensure requirements and program, and in the *Life Safety Code*[®], her clients include: Ohio State University Medical Center, Ohio; Holy Cross Hospital, Maryland; Suburban Hospital, Maryland, Howard University Hospital, Washington, DC; Allina Health, Minnesota; Southeast Alabama Medical Center, Alabama.
- Fire and Life Safety Consulting - Serves as the life safety designer on both private and Federal health care projects involving renovation and new construction, and provides peer review services for numerous Federal health care facilities under an ongoing contract with the Department of Veterans' Affairs.
- Fire and Life Safety Construction Services - Inspected various new and existing occupancies for compliance with local, state, and national building, fire, and life safety codes, and witnessed acceptance testing of suppression and fire alarm systems. Inspections were for state and Federal licensure requirements, use and occupancy permits, complaint investigations, and general fire prevention efforts.
- Certified Fire Investigator and Expert Witness - Conducted fire scene investigations to determine the origin and cause of fires in numerous occupancies including residential, mercantile, business, health care, assembly, detention and correction, and educational. Conducted associated criminal investigation for any incidents found to be incendiary in nature, including testifying in court as an expert witness.
- Fire Service Experience - Life Member of Chillum-Adelphi Volunteer Fire Department, Prince George's County, MD with a fire service background and knowledge that includes 16 years of active fire service, including suppression and emergency medical services.

As a former Deputy State Fire Marshal, Sarina has a unique understanding of health care facilities from both the designer's and the Authority Having Jurisdiction's point of view. She uses her knowledge and experience to assist clients in finding the most advantageous solution to meet their needs while satisfying the applicable code requirements.