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NFPA and SAE International team up to advance discussions on EV safety

August 13, 2012 – The [National Fire Protection Association](#) (NFPA) and [SAE International](#) are co-hosting the [3rd Annual Electric Vehicle Safety Standards Summit](#) to be held October 18, 2012 at the COBO Center in Detroit. The [program](#) addresses electric vehicle safety issues related to codes and standards and is aimed at planning for improved safety as the number of these vehicles continues to increase on roadways. A reception will take place on the evening of October 17th which includes admission to the SAE Convergence 2012 Exhibition.

“Stakeholders have made significant progress in addressing safety issues and making improvements based on discussion points of the two previous summits, but there is still more work to be done,” said Christian Dubay, P.E., NFPA vice president of codes and standards, and chief engineer. “The collaborative efforts expected at this year’s forum and the follow up from it will once again move the needle in the direction of safer implementation of electrical vehicles.”

Speakers and attendees with a shared interest in improving safety attend this event, including vehicle manufacturers, governmental agencies, standards developing organizations, and first

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and second responders. The program focuses on safety codes and standards and other key areas aimed at improving awareness and knowledge of electric vehicles and supporting their successful integration into society.

“In today’s world of advanced technology, much quicker progress can be achieved by collaborative efforts. We look forward to this next Summit and continuing cooperative work with NFPA in the area of battery safety by engaging a wealth of SAE engineering expertise,” said Jack Pokrzywa, director of ground vehicle standards for SAE International.

NFPA has a long history of commitment to electrical safety as developer and publisher of the [National Electrical Code](#)® (NEC®) since 1911. The NEC sets the standard for the safe use of electricity and electrical installations. NFPA also coordinates the [Electric Vehicle Safety Training project](#), a nationwide program to help firefighters and other first responders prepare for the growing number of electric vehicles on the road in the United States.

For more information and to [register](#), visit <http://www.sae.org/events/nevss/> or www.EVsafetytraining.org/summit. (NFPA page being updated.)

About SAE

SAE International is a global association of more than 128,000 engineers and related technical experts in the aerospace, automotive and commercial-vehicle industries. SAE International’s core competencies are life-long learning and voluntary consensus standards development. SAE International’s charitable arm is the SAE Foundation, which supports many programs, including A World In Motion® and the Collegiate Design Series. Visit [SAE International’s website](#) for additional information.

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