

Cynthia Farrell has served as Departmental Manager for the Department of Human Services Office of Adult Services, since January 2005. As a 20-year employee of the State of Michigan, she has spent 19 years in adult services. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Human Development with a concentration in gerontology. She was an adult services worker in the field for 5 years, adult services policy writer/trainer for 4 years, then supervisor for 3 years, prior to accepting her current position.

Colin Parks is the State Manager for Michigan's Children's Protective Services Program Office which is responsible, among other things, for the creation and implementation of CPS policy statewide. Colin has been with the department for 15 years in various capacities with Children's Protective Services as a front line worker, lead-worker, supervisor and policy writer.

Jerry Becker was a Police Officer from 1979-2005 in Michigan, Texas and Colorado. He retired from the Fire Service after 22 years in June of 2012 after serving as a Firefighter, Fire Marshal/Captain and an MFFTC (Michigan Firefighters Training Council) Instructor, a certification he still holds. Has served as Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security for Clare County since 2009. He also oversees the county's communications systems and towers and heads the Clare County Broadband Authority group.

Jerry Beck will address regional ER preparedness, response to natural disaster (i.e. what is already in place, what can we expect in certain situations, what can we do to assist? He will also touch on issues re: Homeland Security and local government.

Michael O'Brien –

Michael O'Brian has a varied career in the public and private sectors with an emphasis on code administration and enforcement for the last seventeen years. Currently he is serving the Brighton Area Fire Authority as the Fire Chief and is the president of Code Savvy Consultants (www.codesavvyconsultants.com), a municipal plan review and consulting company. He is the creator of a dynamic web page called www.inspector911.com which is designed to assist all types of inspectors by providing resources, information, checklists and up to date news. He has a bachelor of science degree in public safety administration from Eastern Michigan University and serves as the representative for the International Association of Fire Chiefs on NFPA technical committee on Residential sprinklers and NFPA 101 Life Safety Code Technical Correlating Committee. He is a past president of Michigan Fire Inspector's Society and can be reached via email at mobrian@inspector911.com

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1. The new fireworks law and how the State wants local cities/townships to handle
2. Commercial Properties: what should we look for/refer to Fire Dept. (i.e. entrance/exits blocked, address posting, storage of certain materials)
3. Industrial Properties: what does a fire dept. look for during their routine inspections (i.e. hazardous materials/fire lanes, parking stripes, visible hydrants, etc.)
4. Residential Properties: where fire dept. and code enforcement meet and can help each other w/ multiple family complexes, vacant buildings, meth labs in houses or hotel rooms, state codes for firewood, smoke, etc.