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**INVITED SPEAKER**

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[ C P D L E C T U R E ]

**Records Storage Fires  
and Sprinkler  
Protection and Large-  
Scale Fire Tests of  
Cartoned Paper  
Records in Multi-Level  
Catwalk Storage  
Systems**

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**Venue** Room PQ304  
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

## ABSTRACT

This interactive session, illustrated by PowerPoint, has two parts, the first dealing with significant fire incidents involving records storage facilities and the second presenting the methodology and results of a large-scale fire test program involving cartoned paper records in multi-level catwalk storage systems that was conducted in 2007.

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- 6.30 – 6.45 pm .....◆ Registration
- 6.45 – 7.45 pm .....◆ **Part I: Large-Loss Records Storage Fires**
- 7.45 – 8.15 pm .....◆ Coffee break
- 8.15 – 9.15 pm .....◆ **Part II: Large-Scale Fire Tests of Paper-Based Records**
- 9.15 – 9.30 pm .....◆ Questions and answers

## SPEAKER

### Mr. Larry L. Varn

Mr. Varn is a practicing attorney and partner with the Boston-based law firm of Sullivan & Worcester LLP with over 25 years of commercial litigation experience. He represents clients in a broad range of commercial and financial litigation, corporate investigations and crisis management, including investigations and claims and defenses arising out of large loss fires and other catastrophes, and also matters involving fire and life safety codes and standards. Mr. Varn has represented numerous clients in matters involving fire and life safety codes and standards promulgated by the National Fire Protection Association/NFPA International, and serves as a member of NFPA's Committee on Record Protection that is responsible for NFPA 232, *Standard for the Protection of Records*. Mr. Varn received his A.B. with highest distinction from the University of Nebraska in 1978 and his J.D., magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School in 1982. Larry is an active member of PRISM International, NFPA and the International Association of Arson Investigators (International and Massachusetts and United Kingdom chapters), an allied professional member of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers and an affiliate member of the National Fire Sprinkler Association, and speaks regularly to business and professional audiences on fire protection codes and issues.