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## **Seneca Fire Engineering Joins Coffman Engineers**

Experienced principal adds forensic fire engineering services to Coffman's capabilities

ATLANTA, Georgia, August 20, 2024 – Multidiscipline consulting engineering firm Coffman Engineers, Inc. (Coffman) announced that Seneca Fire Engineering, LLC, a Georgia-based fire protection engineering consulting firm specializing in fire engineering forensics, joined Coffman through an asset purchase agreement finalized on July 31, 2024. Coffman welcomes Dan Arnold, PE, FSFPE, the managing partner of Seneca Fire Engineering. He has joined as a Principal Advisor and will continue to conduct investigations and serve clients as before.

This strategic partnership brings together the experience of both firms. This transition to Coffman focuses on increasing capacity in services for Seneca Fire Engineering clients and adding comprehensive forensic fire engineering investigations and litigation support services to Coffman's clients.

Seneca Fire Engineering clients will continue to benefit from working directly with Dan Arnold and have access to the fire protection engineering resources offered by Coffman's team of over 100 fire protection engineers and designers nationwide.

"Seneca Fire Engineering's partnership with Coffman reinforces the successful collaboration we've shared for over four years. I will continue to conduct investigations and serve clients as I have for almost 25 years," said Arnold. "Additionally, Seneca Fire Engineering's clients will benefit from access to other fire protection and multidiscipline engineers across the country. This will allow me to serve clients for years to come."

Arnold is a highly respected fire protection engineer with more than 40 years of experience specializing in fire engineering forensics. He established Seneca Fire Engineering in 2001. Arnold has participated in thousands of fire engineering investigations and has qualified to provide testimony in numerous courts and jurisdictions. He is a registered fire protection engineer in 23 states and an elected Fellow in the Society of Fire Protection Engineers.

### **About Coffman Engineers**

Coffman Engineers is a multidiscipline engineering consulting firm that offers clients local, personalized services by integrating many disciplines including civil, structural, mechanical, electrical, fire protection, and other specialties. Coffman has 900+ employees in 22 offices across the U.S. committed to the team effort it takes to build a



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## FACT SHEET:

# SENECA FIRE ENGINEERING WILL JOIN COFFMAN ENGINEERS

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Coffman Engineers is expanding its forensic fire engineering capabilities by welcoming Seneca Fire Engineering, a leading forensic fire protection engineering consulting firm.

### Highlights

- ▶ **Seneca Fire Engineering, LLC**, a Georgia-based fire protection engineering consulting firm specializing in fire engineering forensics, executed a Letter of Intent (LOI) on June 18, 2024, to join **Coffman Engineers, Inc.** (Coffman).
- ▶ Seneca Fire Engineering is targeting a July 31, 2024 closing date to finalize an asset purchase agreement with Coffman.
- ▶ **Dan Arnold, PE, FSFPE**, the managing partner of Seneca Fire Engineering, will join Coffman as a Principal Advisor. He will continue to conduct investigations and serve clients as before.
- ▶ Clients can contact Seneca Fire Engineering the way they always have.

### What This Means

- ▶ Clients of Seneca Fire Engineering will continue to benefit from working with Dan Arnold, a highly respected fire protection engineer who has specialized in fire engineering forensics for more than 25 years.
- ▶ Clients also access the greater capacity and fire protection engineering resources offered by Coffman's team of over 118 fire protection engineers and designers across the country.
- ▶ Seneca Fire Engineering strengthens Coffman's ability to serve clients nationwide with comprehensive forensic fire engineering investigations and litigation support services with multidiscipline capabilities.

### A Longstanding Partnership

- ▶ Coffman and Seneca Fire Engineering have a successful collaboration that spans over four years. This acquisition formalizes our partnership, reinforcing the stability of our relationship and establishing a powerhouse team in fire protection engineering investigations.

### Milestone Dates

#### June 18, 2024

Letter of Intent (LOI)

#### July 2024

Seneca Fire Engineering to contact clients

#### July 31, 2024

Target date for deal closing

#### August 1, 2024

First day as Coffman/Seneca Fire Engineering

#### TBD

Closing Announcement

### Coffman Engineers + Seneca Fire Engineering

# 118+

Fire Protection Professionals

# 900+

Staff Companywide



#### COMBINING STRONG FIRMS

Shared commitment to high-quality and personalized fire protection engineering services.



#### STRONG WORKING PARTNERSHIP

Longstanding relationships and working experience together.



#### NATIONAL CAPABILITIES

Commitment to providing nationally recognized forensic fire engineering capabilities and access to regional support.

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## About Coffman Engineers

Coffman Engineers integrates many engineering disciplines and specialty services to offer clients the local, personalized service of a small firm backed by the capabilities typically found with large engineering consultants. Coffman began as a seven-person structural firm in 1979 and has grown in geographic presence, markets, and engineering services. Today, Coffman is proud to be an ENR Top500 engineering firm while remaining true to founding values and focusing on the success of clients and employees.

Coffman's Atlanta, Georgia office offers acoustics, civil, mechanical, electrical, and fire protection engineering for projects throughout Georgia and the Southeast region. The office collaborates with Coffman's 20 other office locations to offer multidiscipline services nationwide.

- ▶ Fire protection engineering professionals (companywide): 118
- ▶ Staff companywide: 900+
- ▶ Years in business: 45

## About Seneca Fire Engineering

Seneca Fire Engineering, LLC was established in Marietta, Georgia in 2001 by Daniel Arnold, PE, FSFPE. Dan is a registered fire protection engineer in 23 states with more than 40 years of experience. Specializing in forensic fire engineering, he has participated in thousands of fire engineering investigations and has been qualified to provide testimony in numerous courts and jurisdictions. He is an elected Fellow in the Society of Fire Protection Engineers having served on their Board of Directors for 10 years.

Seneca Fire Engineering, LLC has provided services for clients throughout the United States and overseas.

- ▶ Years in business: 23



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